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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Kowloon	Dep. 6.40	8.00	9.15	10.10	11.00	11.50	12.40	1.30	2.20	3.10	4.00
Tsimshui	Dep. 6.45	8.05	9.20	10.15	11.05	11.55	12.45	1.35	2.25	3.15	4.05
Shatin	Dep. 7.00	8.20	9.35	10.30	11.20	12.10	1.00	1.50	2.40	3.30	4.20
Taipei	Dep. 7.15	8.35	9.50	10.45	11.35	12.25	1.15	2.05	2.55	3.45	4.35
Taipei Market	Dep. 7.30	8.50	10.05	11.00	11.50	12.40	1.30	2.20	3.10	4.00	4.50
Fanning	Dep. 7.45	9.05	10.20	11.15	12.05	12.55	1.45	2.35	3.25	4.15	5.05
Shuanghui	Dep. 7.60	9.20	10.35	11.30	12.20	1.10	2.00	2.50	3.40	4.30	5.20
Shuanghui	Dep. 7.75	9.35	10.50	11.45	12.35	1.25	2.15	3.05	3.55	4.45	5.35
Canton	Arr. 7.45	8.45	9.11	10.26	11.16	12.06	1.29	2.29	3.19	4.09	4.59
Canton	Arr. 11.23	12.23	1.23	2.23	3.23	4.23	5.23	6.23	7.23	8.23	9.23

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 5	No. 9	No. 13	No. 17	No. 21	No. 25	No. 29	No. 33	No. 37	No. 41
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Canton	Dep. 7.17	8.03	9.05	10.05	11.05	12.05	1.05	2.05	3.05	4.05	5.05
Shuanghui	Dep. 7.32	8.18	9.20	10.20	11.20	12.20	1.20	2.20	3.20	4.20	5.20
Fanning	Dep. 7.47	8.33	9.35	10.35	11.35	12.35	1.35	2.35	3.35	4.35	5.35
Taipei Market	Dep. 8.02	8.48	9.50	10.50	11.50	12.50	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50
Taipei	Dep. 8.17	9.03	10.05	11.05	12.05	1.05	2.05	3.05	4.05	5.05	6.05
Shatin	Dep. 8.32	9.18	10.20	11.20	12.20	1.20	2.20	3.20	4.20	5.20	6.20
Tsimshui	Dep. 8.47	9.33	10.35	11.35	12.35	1.35	2.35	3.35	4.35	5.35	6.35
Kowloon	Arr. 8.57	9.43	10.45	11.45	12.45	1.45	2.45	3.45	4.45	5.45	6.45

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

Today.

(August 18.)

Soldiers' Club Championship
Billiards Final, 6 p.m.

Lamport's Sale of Stock-in-Trade,
Palace Store, Kowloon, 11 a.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Abraham Lin-
coln."

World Theatre: "The Shadow"
(Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "The Divorcee."

Central Theatre: "The Storm."

King's Theatre: "Don't Bet On
Women."

Tea Dance at King's Restaurant;
Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel
and Repulse Bay Hotel.

Tides:—High at 1.05 and 1.22;
Low at 6.53 and 7.22.

Thursday.

(August 20.)

Soldiers' Club Billiard Tour-
nament, final, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Crazy That
Way."

World Theatre: "The Story of
Kin Tan," Part I. (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Anna Christie."

Central Theatre: "Bad Sister."

King's Theatre: "Quick Millions."

Prince's Theatre: "This Is
Heaven."

Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and
Peninsula Hotels.

Tides:—High at 1.40 and 2.30;
Low at 8.15 and 7.55.

Friday.

(August 21.)

Soldiers' Club Billiards Tour-
nament, final, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Crazy That
Way."

World Theatre: "The Story of
Kin Tan," Part I. (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Anna Christie."

Central Theatre: "Bad Sister."

King's Theatre: "Quick Millions."

Prince's Theatre: "This Is
Heaven."

Dinner Dances at Hong Kong
and Peninsula Hotels.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe
via Suez (Hakusan Maru); Out-
ward: via Siberia (Hakusan
Maru) 3.30 p.m.

Tides:—High at 2.20 and 4.27;
Low at 9.54 and 8.30.

REAL LESSON OF THE "WAR."

92 RAIDS—24 IN DAYLIGHT—AND
55 TONS OF BOMBS.

ABOLITION.

INTENSIVE STUDY OF ITS POSSIBILITY

—OFFICIAL.

London, July 24.

The air manoeuvres are over. They have provided London's
millions—and, incidentally, the Statesmen of the Seven Powers,
whose deliberations ended at the same time—with an overwhelm-
ing argument in favour of the abolition of air warfare.

Every competent observer now knows what would have hap-
pened to the capital of the British Empire if the raids had been
the real thing. It is a vision sufficiently appalling to give pause
even to the most thorough-going militarist.

This fact gives added importance to a statement by the Under-
Secretary for Air, contained an official Parliamentary Report in
the unobtrusive form of a reply to a supplementary question by
Mr. Mander. It is as follows:—

FOR DEFENCE ONLY.

Mr. Mander: Is a study being made of the possibilities of
abolishing military aviation by agreement between all countries?

The Under-Secretary of State for Air (Mr. Montague):
Certainly. A most intensive study.

An alternative proposal, also understood to be under considera-
tion, is that heavy bombing machines should be prohibited, but
light fighters, which are of use only for defensive purposes, be
permitted in limited numbers.

The argument for that course is, that if military machines of
all types are banned civil machines could set out on a bomb-
dropping raid without fear of effective opposition.

Light fighters, which do not carry bombs, could prevent such
raid without being capable themselves of aggressive action on any
considerable scale.

WHY IT WAS STOPPED.

The air manoeuvres over London
and South-East England came to
an abrupt conclusion two days be-
fore the date planned by the autho-
rities.

Officially, the reason given for
their cessation is that "due to the
continued fair weather during the
first three days of the exercises,
sufficient information was obtained
to assess the operational efficiency
of the units taking part."

And, indeed, it is a sufficient rea-
son. The lesson of 63 hours is one
which no thinking Londoner can
possibly have missed. No more im-
pressive presentment of the case
for the abolition of air war could

well have been staged.

There has been a good deal of
grumbling on the part of people
whose rest has been disturbed and
nerves tried (perhaps by reason of
war-time memories) because the
manoeuvres were held over the
metropolitan area.

The Raiders' Triumphs.

These complaints are scarcely
reasonable. So long as air war is
a possibility air attacks on London
are a possibility also. And the
only place from which to study the
implications of air attacks on
London and the chances of counter-
ing them is London itself.

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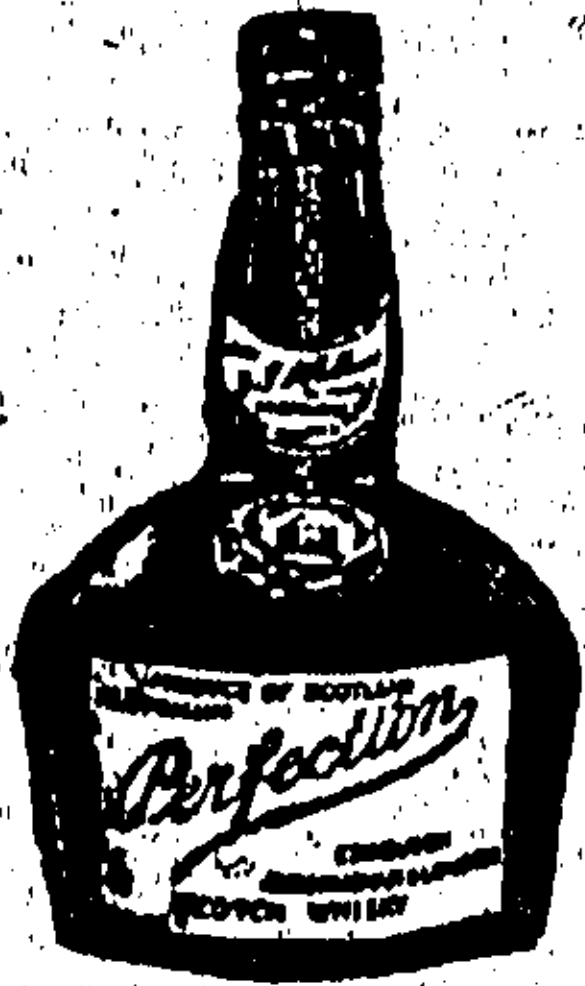
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Roadster Deluxe... 4-pass.	2,550-lbs.	590	49	191	830
Tourer ... 5-pass.	2,380-lbs.	510	37	188	785
Coupe (3 window)... 3-pass.	2,460-lbs.	535	42	238	810
Coupe (5 window)... 3-pass.	2,460-lbs.	546	42	238	820
Coupe Sports ... 4-pass.	2,550-lbs.	575	54	241	870
Couche (2 doors) ... 3-pass.	2,575-lbs.	545	42	238	820
Sedan ... 5-pass.	2,675-lbs.	635	42	243	920
Sedan Special ... 5-pass.	2,715-lbs.	650	44	251	945

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Half Ton Delivery Truck...	2,100-lbs.	420	37	193	650

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Speed 45 M.P.H.

1 1/2 Ton Chassis 131 w.b. ...	2,550-lbs.	G\$450	G\$40	G\$140	G\$700
1 1/2 Ton Chassis " " ...	2,750-lbs.	545	45	150	740
2 Ton Chassis 157 w.b. ...	2,880-lbs.	580	45	165	800

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AIRWAYS AND AVIATION.

SHANGHAI IS AIR-MINDED!

SOME FACTS FOR SELF-COMPLACENT PEOPLE
IN HONG KONG.

AERONAUTICAL OPPORTUNITIES IN CHINA.

[By E. B. BRASIER CREAUGH.]

It is an unfortunate thing that our local Flying Club should be in its present position. And it is not inappropriate that Hong Kong people should consider at this time the views held by Shanghaianders, on aeronautical matters.

I have spoken with English, French, German and American airman, even a certain Wehman, and I find among them all as "Internationalism" which is of the air of Shanghai. It is expressed in every walk of life, editors, by business houses and by the women on the dance floors. It can be seen in the New Luna Park where captive "seaplanes" swing eternally round their illuminated pillar. Beyond and above all their homelike connections and national sympathies there is this mutual expression of co-operation and purpose. John the Englishman and Sam from the States may undercut each other all day, but at night, or when the pinch comes, they think as one man, and so do Louis, Nikohito, Juan and Ivan.

Where Unity Lies!

Now an unity like this does not occur unless there is an equal and opposite unity from which it may draw power and the obvious cause of their gathering of the class is united China. The stronger China shows herself in opposition, the closer do the units in Shanghai combine. The longer China can be held divided so long shall the international city retain her powers of quicker cohesion. This elementary principle is well-known by both sides, and its influence on aviation is great.

The main occupation of all these airmen in Shanghai is to sell machines to the various leaders of China so that each shall maintain a state of rebellion and prevent unification. China's reply is to induce foreign aviators to spend their time and money teaching China the use of the air by offering them worthless contracts and monopolies.

Aviation, up here, is a thing of the wilds, of weak hastily built runways following blindly the age-old foot-prints of another dimension. Extend they may, if the undergrowth of bad management and squeeze does not wipe them out of existence, merely because they serve the first great rush of the pulsing renaissance of China. But they do not pay. They are not commercial lines planned to act as arteries for the new industrial era into which China is slowly entering, there is no plan, no foresight about them. As happened in the United States, they are the first aimless wanderings of an organic growth intended by the gardener. "Common Sense" (most of them) to be clipped off.

A Petty Understanding.

The internationalism, therefore, of Shanghai I see as a petty, localised understanding between individuals each of whom is striving to get as much as possible out of China, seeking rights, monopolies, personal gain and combining only when mutual danger looms ahead. I see little or none of co-operative effort to build up China as a modern State nor of general desire to allow her free choice of means or method. Shanghai feels that aviation is essential to China because of her lack of other fast com-

munications and her great distances. This is so, but Shanghai superimposes her air routes on existing land and water routes and so she misses the point, searching immediate profits.

Where Airways Pay.

Let us examine the rest of the world. London to Paris, New York to Chicago—the most used air routes to-day—are the worst paying because they compete directly with surface transport, have tremendous demands made on them and must keep their rates low. On the other hand, Pan-American Airways, joining North and South America and perhaps the longest air-route in the world, pays its way and it will not be long before the Imperial Airways route through Central Africa will show surplus of income over outgoings. If there were not the French and Dutch competition, the Imperial Airways Eastern Route would have paid ere now. Why is this? Because the air is of no advantage if it only outs an hour or two off a day's journey. It is too uncomfortable and novel to most people, its costs are high and luggage must be left behind. But where it turns weeks and months into hours, why, all other considerations fall by the board.

For China.

The most paying line in China might, theoretically, be from Hainan Island to Kalgan! Think what new products such a line could transport from end to end, imagine the saving in cost of these commodities, so great that it would pay to take them by air. Do you know that Hankow never sees bananas? That is the principle which Shanghai has missed. And Shanghai thinks of Hong Kong as out of the picture. She encourages China to set up what amounts to a Taxi service when what is required is a bus route. I blame Shanghai for being selfish, for choosing to neglect Hong Kong, and for wilfully allowing the Chinese to believe that the world does not want her co-operation but only to utilize her to its own ends.

Hong Kong Should Take the Initiative.

The sooner we, in Hong Kong, assume the initiative and offer China her share in the world's air traffic, the sooner will we win her sympathy and give her the confidence in her own abilities of which she shows such a lack to-day. The whole of China's so-called inferiority complex is, I believe, a very natural hesitancy to accept, from one self-styled friend, what she is sure, from past experience, will be offered her cheaper, by another. If she waits long enough, it is idiotic of these airmen to go on as they do, without thought, without policy, and with little chance of eventual gain. They must already know this for, I am assured, the air-lines are on the verge of bankruptcy.

An International Flying Club.

On the other side there is a bright ray. High up in the Shanghai Bank Building is centred a small group of enthusiasts—old flying men of all nations. They have

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A RAY ROAD FOR AIRCRAFT.

GUIDED FLIGHT OF 600 MILES.

[By AN AIR CORRESPONDENT.]

Manchester, July 17.—An invisible "ray road," along which aeroplanes and airships can be guided safely at any altitude, is the latest invention which was tested here to-day.

It promises to revolutionise aviation by making the skies safe even through cloud, bad visibility, or fog.

I flew to Bristol and back, some 600 miles, to-day, along this unseen beam with the inventor, Mr. R. C. Galletti, an Italian, now associated with a well-known Lancashire engineering firm, in an air-taxi provided by Northern Air Lines Ltd.

The beam was transmitted from a tower on the roof of Ferranti's Hollinwood works, and before the pilot in the aeroplane was a wooden box wherein lay part of the secret—the other part was in the tower a few miles away.

"Cheep, Cheep" in Clouds.

Through head-phones could be heard a "cheep, cheep," which indicated that the beam had been found. The plane climbed 4,000ft. and through the clouds went "with us" that "cheep, cheep," like a bird greeting the dawn.

Coming back along the same "highway" at 12,000ft. over the Severn the beam was roughly measured to be 4 metres wide or less. Then down to 1,500ft. further on it was the same.

When the beam is commercially applied, night flying, fog flying, and long-distance flying will assume new importance. With such a guide an Atlantic air service becomes a practicable proposition.

If 140 miles from the transmitter, to-day signals could be picked up as strong as at the source, with the use of only one valve, what could not be done by a multi-valve receiver in Australia!

nothing to sell but good fellowship, nothing to ask but permission to fly their own machines. For ten years this devoted group has identified itself with Chinese aspirations, meddled in no one's affairs and maintained that fine spirit for which war-time pilots were justly famed. And now comes the hope. There has been made quite recently, a suggestion by leading Chinese flyers, elderly men who have passed through the fire of National Revolution, that a true International Flying Club be formed at Shanghai. Chinese management is naturally stipulated, but our old-timers have been invited to co-operate both in committee and in membership, and they accept.

Here is the spirit of New China, forging ahead and clasp hands, as it always will, if left alone, with the unpretentious west. Would it not be a graceful gesture for our Hong Kong Club to send North a message of encouragement and goodwill?

BRITISH FLYING NEWS.

THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY: NOW AND SIX YEARS AGO.

AERO-ENGINE'S AND MISS ENGLAND II.

LONDON'S FLYING BUSMEN.

Less than eight years ago an American pilot, Lieutenant Rittenhouse, won the contest for the Schneider Trophy, the supreme international speed air event, at an average speed of 177.33 miles an hour. Before the next contest, in 1923, there were many ardent discussions about speeds likely to be attained. Opinions were sharply divided about the possibility of getting much improvement and more than one British aeronautical journalist will have a vivid recollection of an expert who laid it down without qualification that the limit of speed over a circuit was somewhere in the neighbourhood of 220 m.p.h.

That was six years ago. To-day the world's speed record stands at 357.7 miles an hour and a British seaplane won the last Schneider contest at 328.63 m.p.h. But the glimpse back lends additional interest to the performance achieved in official tests by Fairey "Firefly" single-seater fighters intended for Belgian air regiments. Carrying full military load, these graceful biplanes attained a maximum velocity in level flight of 223 miles an hour. Thus does everyday practice tread close on record or "stunt" performance, and nowadays British aircraft constructors are turning out in large batches service aircraft any one of which could have outstripped all competition in the Schneider Trophy contest of only six years back.

KAYE DON'S AERO ENGINES.

Kaye Don's new water record in "Miss England II," an average of 110 miles an hour over the speed course on Lake Garda, is even more a triumph for British aero engines than for the boat itself. Three months ago, on the river Parana near Buenos Aires, he set the world's record at 103.40 miles an hour, though hampered by the heat and the rough and swollen waters of the river. A little later on Commodore Gar Wood, the American speed-boat racer, got within a decimal point of Kaye Don's figures, and it was decided to attempt to set a higher record in cooler waters.

Since the boat arrived back in Europe certain alterations have been made to the cooling systems of the two Rolls-Royce racing aero engines, each developing approximately 2,000 h.p., and to the driving mechanism. Now on the cooler waters of the Italian lake the boat has shown speed more nearly representative of its designed performance, though there is little doubt that it can move considerably faster still and further runs over the speed course are being talked about.

AIRMINDED BUSMEN.

London busmen have taken the lead among British working men in (Continued on next Column.)

WOMEN CAST EYES ON ATLANTIC.

FOUR AMERICANS PREPARING FOR OCEAN FLIGHTS.

New York, Aug. 10.—It was revealed here to-day that Miss Elinor Smith, one of America's most noted aviatrixes who recently established new altitude records for women, has been preparing secretly to attempt a non-stop flight from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, to Paris.

With Miss Smith several other aviatrixes are preparing to make nonstop flights across the Atlantic ocean. Miss Laura Ingalls is completing her plans and Miss Ruth Nichols, recovered from recent injuries, is also anxious to reattempt her trans-Atlantic flight which was interrupted last month when her plane cracked up at St. Johns, Newfoundland, after a successful flight from New York.

Mrs. Geraldine Lofred, wife of a photographer of Buffalo, New York, has obtained the use of the monoplane Liberty, in which Messrs. Helgar Moirais and Otto Hillig recently flew from America to Copenhagen, and she will attempt a nonstop flight to Rome.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

TCMB FOUND BY MR. HOWARD CARTER.

A message has been received in Rome from Alexandria to the effect that Mr. Howard Carter has succeeded in identifying the site of the tomb of Alexander the Great, which he places where the Pompey column stood. Mr. Carter is confident that the tomb has not been violated.

Mr. Howard Carter, the co-discoverer with the late Lord Carnarvon of the tomb of Tutankhamen, has been engaged since last October in efforts to locate the tomb of Alexander the Great, who died in Babylon in 323 B.C., and is reputed to have been buried in Alexandria in a golden coffin.

getting together to form a flying club. Fifteen hundred of them, out of 27,000 employees of the London General Omnibus Company, have enrolled as flying members and the club's first machine has begun instructional work at Broxbourne, an aerodrome near London chosen to be the north-east centre of the new organisation. Some time towards the end of this month the new club will hold an official opening meeting, when it is hoped that at least one club trained member will be able to fly solo.

Finance of the organisation, naturally the chief difficulty, was decided after careful examination of costs on the basis of a subscription of sixpence a week from all members and flying charges of five shillings an hour. These moderate fees should enable the club to run at least two aeroplanes and to secure the services of an instructor, a ground engineer, aerodrome accommodation and a club house.

Driver Godwin, of East Ham, is the leading spirit of the busmen's club. He initiated interest some time ago by arranging for parties of busmen to take joy-rides in a big air liner and for a few of them to have trial instructional flights. In a few years' time he may be regarded as the founder of one of the most important movements in private flying. Where the bus drivers and conductors have led, other working men will surely follow.

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D. W. Griffith, whose "Abraham Lincoln" is at the Queen's Theatre, with Walter Huston cast in the title role, came across an interesting Lincoln story while he was filming the picture at the United Artists studios in Hollywood.

The compiler of the "Dictionary of Congress," desiring a biography of Lincoln for publication in 1863, sent the gaunt Illinoisian the usual request for a sketch of his life. "He received the following reply: "Born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County Kentucky.

"Education defective. Profession, a lawyer. Have been a Captain of volunteers in Black Hawk War. Postmaster at a very small office." Four times a member of the Illinois Legislature and was a member of the Lower House of Congress.—Yours, etc., A. LINCOLN."

"CRAZY THAT WAY"

The role of Ann Jordan, which Joan Bennett portrays in the Fox Movietone production, "Crazy That Way," directed by Hamilton MacFadden, has much in common with her own life. In the screen play, Miss Bennett is a daughter of wealth who has a score of admirers but cares for none of them.

In the life of Hollywood Miss Bennett is courted by many but cares for none of them. Her chief pastime when away from the studios is visiting neighbouring theatres and watching others on the screen.

"Crazy That Way" marks Miss Bennett's sixth leading screen role since coming to Hollywood just a year ago. Her debut on the screen was the leading feminine role with Ronald Colman in "Bulldog Drummond." She also played opposite George Arliss in "Disraeli."

"Crazy That Way" is an adaptation of Vincent Lawrence's successful stage play, "In Love With Love."

Kenneth MacKenna, Regis Toomey, Jason Robards Lynn and Lumsden Hare are in prominent roles in the production.

KING'S THEATRE.

"DON'T BET ON WOMEN"

"Women" is man's greatest enigma, and if anyone doubts the wisdom of this time-worn adage a visit to the King's Theatre, where the Fox Movietone comedy, "Don't Bet On Women," is now playing, will quickly set his mind at ease and afford him an hour of laughs at the expense of the male sex.

Here is a subtle and sophisticated comedy of love on a yacht and in a drawing room, with Edmund Lowe, the screen's great heart-breaker, in the leading role, co-featured with him in the delightful star, Jeanette MacDonald, comedy who was seen here in "Oh, For A Man." The cast includes such masters of comedy as Roland Young and J. M. Kerrigan as well as Una Merkel, who again lives up to her reputation as the funniest flapper on the silver screen.

The story concerns a man-about-town, who, when he remarks that he can kiss the first woman who crosses his path. Great is the embarrassment when that woman turns out to be the attorney's wife. When they discover that the wife knows of their bet they are on the verge of calling it off, but she insists that

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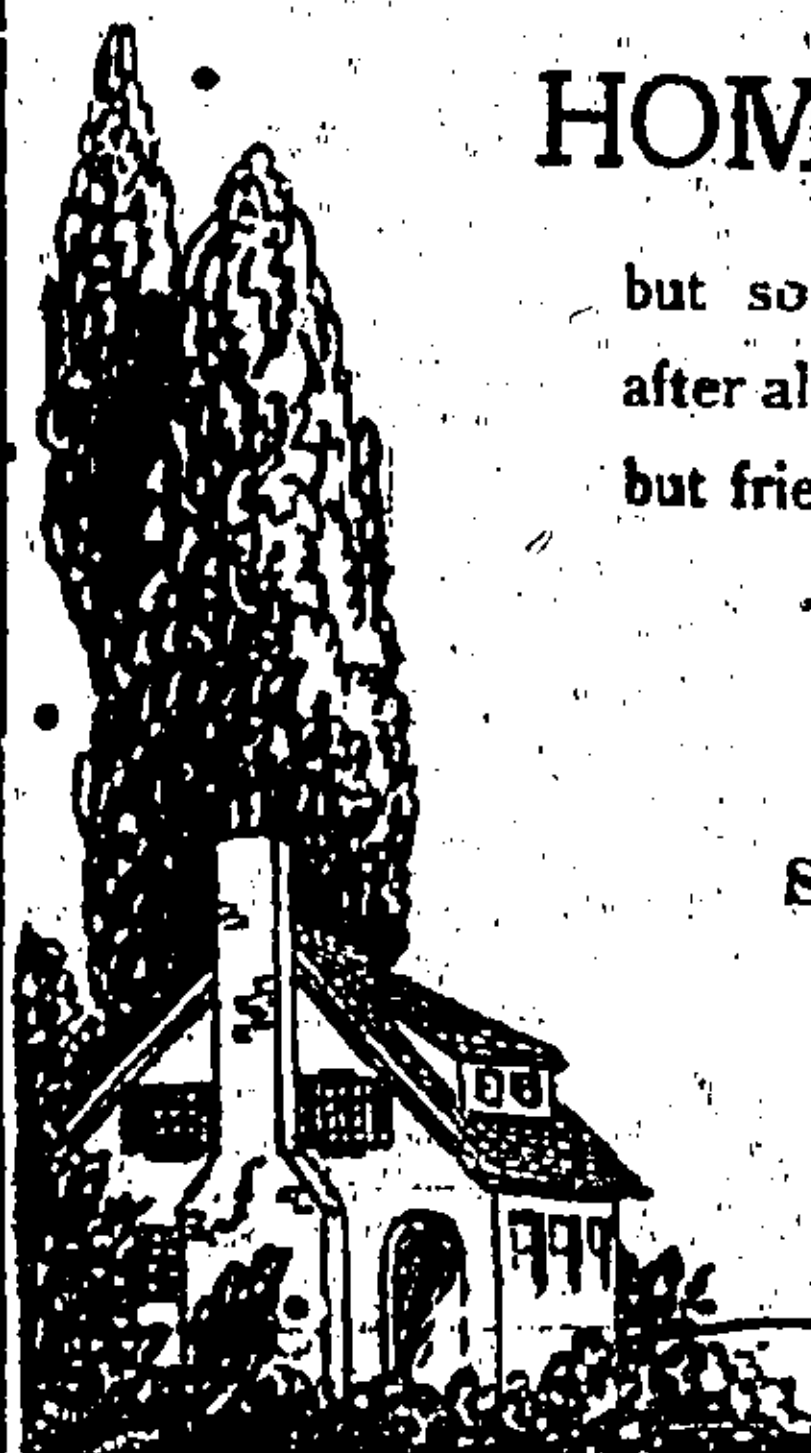
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REAL LESSON OF
THE "WAR."

(Continued from Page 1.)

The ordinary man is not much concerned with the detailed reports issued by the Air Ministry. He has watched the invincible progress of "bombing" squadrons in broad daylight over his crowded streets, his traffic centres, his most important military points; and he has realised the immense strides which military aviation has made since the rare daylight raids of the war, carried out by squadrons of relatively insignificant attacking power.

London's Defences Pierced.

He has seen for himself the tremendous difficulty of repelling attacks by modern night bombers, which have pierced the defences time after time in spite of all the improvements which the years of peace have brought to apparatus for their quick detection.

He may derive what consolation he can from the Air Ministry's statement that 84 enemy machines were "destroyed," that 30 of the 24 daylight raids and 24 daylight raids in three days is something to think about—were intercepted "on the outward or inward journey," and that 39 out of 68 night raids by single machines were also intercepted.

What will weigh with him is the knowledge that in actual warfare the happenings of these manoeuvres would have made London an impossible place to live in.

The Air Ministry estimates that in the raids on London a total of 61 tons of high explosive bombs would have been dropped as well as 14 tons of incendiary bombs. It is also held that 69 of the "Red

land" fighting aeroplanes (i.e., London's defenders) were "destroyed."

The principal objective of the raiding bombers was the West India Docks. These were repeatedly attacked, eight successive raids being made during Wednesday night alone, and it is a fair conjecture that in actual practice they would have been wiped out.

The Air Depot at Kidbrooke, near Blackheath, well-known to dwellers in South-East London by reason of its tall wireless masts, was also repeatedly bombed, as were the Associated Aircraft Works at Wormwood Scrubs, and even the "Redland" nerve centre, the "Duke of York's Headquarters."

A glance at the map will show what this means. It means that no part of London could be guarded.

The Air Ministry, however, points out that in exercises like these it is not possible to assess the effect of air combats or say whether those effects would cause the bombing pilots to abandon their tasks. Consequently it must not be assumed that all the bombers which reached their target would have done so in reality. Moreover, anti-aircraft artillery took no part in the manoeuvres and the effect of its fire has not been considered.

Three Days Incessant Flying.

It is a great tribute to the wonderful efficiency of the Royal Air Force that 23 squadrons, including two of the Auxiliary Air Force, have been flying almost incessantly for three days, without a single mishap. The bombers have been making long raids at heights of anything up to 18,000 ft., while the fighter squadrons have been constantly on the alert, ready to take off at a few seconds' notice, and rush to the defence at speeds of 300 miles per hour and more.

(Continued on next column.)

CONGO REVOLT QUELLED.

INCITEMENT BY DEVIL
WORSHIPPERS AGAINST
EUROPEANS.

Johannesburg, July 23.—It is officially announced that the Congo revolt is nearly quelled, though the almost unexplored country makes authentic news difficult.

It is now stated that several Europeans have disappeared and that their fate is still unknown.

Communication between Kasai and Kwango has been completely cut off. Runners were despatched from Kasai but vanished.

The insurgents, who belong to the Bapende tribe, inhabit a dense equatorial forest region, penetrated only by a few missionaries, officials and traders and are consequently practically untouched by European.

An aggressive attitude to Europe has been fostered by a secret sect of devil worshippers, known as Lupelepele, who have a representative in each village, reputed to be the local agent of Satan, conveying his commands to the villagers.

By the nightly placing of food in cemeteries the Lupelepele induced the villagers to believe that Satan was feeding them and that they were thus independent of Europeans. Troops are now occupying strategic positions and have cut off fugitives.

153 Aircraft "Destroyed."

The work of the two Auxiliary Air Force Squadrons, Nos. 602 and 604, has been particularly good. These squadrons are manned by civil pilots, many of them amateurs. They have regular R.A.F. instructors.

On raids they have flown with a precision and skill that have won the admiration of the regular Air Force pilots.

Of the total number of raiders by Auxiliary and Regular squadrons, 24 were made by whole squadrons of nine aircraft each, and 68 single night bombers.

Anti-Aircraft Guns Not Employed.

The daylight operations of the final phase of the exercises yesterday opened with a raid by No. 12 Squadron on West India Docks. The machines were intercepted over Horsham by a lone single-seater fighter of the newest and fastest type. This lone machine, owing to its high performance, was able to attack the hostile aircraft without itself being brought down. The Blenheim machines were also attacked over Kenley by formations of fighters.

It is impossible to assess what damage would have been done to London during the Exercises, because anti-aircraft guns were not co-operating, and the restrictions as to flying height over London prevented special low raids being made anywhere, except at aerodromes.

On the whole, however, it seems that the defences did well, and their total of 84 Blenheim bombers destroyed in aerial combat against 69 Redland fighters lost indicates a high degree of efficiency on the part of the squadrons concerned, as well as of the Observer Corps.

The Observer Corps is recruited from special constables, and it is upon them that the responsibility of issuing the first warnings of approaching raiders fall. They are stationed out in fields over the south-east country, and they telephone to headquarters reports of the approach of raiders. The Territorial Army units co-operating have also done good work and are specially mentioned in the final Air Ministry Communique.

The chief adverse criticism of the Exercises is that the anti-aircraft guns were not taking part. It is essential that, on future occasions, these importance in the total system of defence, both as a means of bringing down raiders, and of warning our own aircraft of their position cannot be over-estimated.

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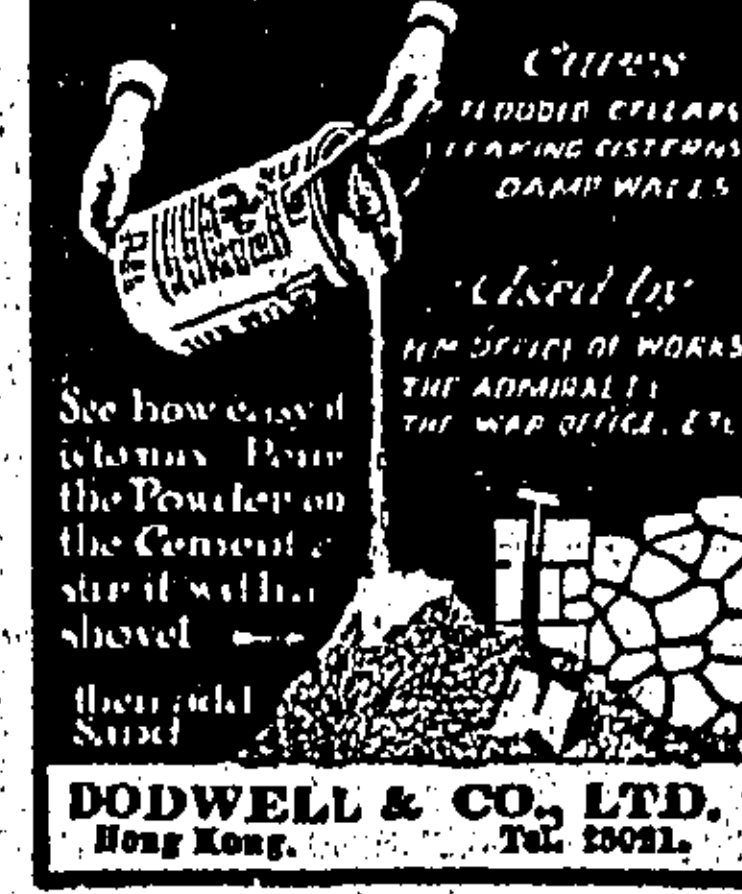
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In reply, Lord Sankey admitted frankly that political opinion did enter into his appointments. "I am satisfied," he said, "that there are not sufficient magistrates holding Labour views, but this injustice will be remedied. An endeavour is being made to include on the benches men and women of different points of view and different grades of society, and to remedy the evil, wherever it may exist, of having magistrates all of one class or of one political view." He also insisted that a sufficient number of women magistrates should be appointed.

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ETON O.T.C. PARADE.

PRaise FROM MAJOR GENERAL CORRAN.

Windsor.—The Eton College Officers Training Corps was inspected by Major-General Corrnan, Commanding the London District. The battalion paraded 850 strong under Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. Hillis. The colours presented to the Corps by the King were carried by Cadet Officer K. M. Payne (King's) and Cadet Officer J. N. Hogg (Regimental).

The Inspecting Officer was received with a general salute, the drums and fifes of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards being in attendance. There was a large company present, including the Provost (Dr. M. R. James), the Vice-Provost (Mr. C. H. K. Marten), and the Headmaster (Dr. C. A. Allington). The battalion presented a smart appearance. They were first inspected in line, and then marched past in columns of companies, returning to the saluting base in close column order.

Following the march past, the various companies were inspected in weapon training, machine-gun work, and numerous other movements. At the close Major-General Corrnan addressed the battalion, and complimented them on their smart appearance and movements.

CANTON PREPARES FOR VICTORY.**OFFICIALS FOR TOWNS TO BE CAPTURED.**

(CENTRAL PRESS.)

Canton, Aug. 17. Special commissioners from the Ministry of Finance will accompany the expeditionary forces in order to supervise and rehabilitate the financial administration of those towns that are going to be captured by the Nationalist troops.

The National Government at Canton has already organized a field commission to take charge of all the civil affairs. The members of the committee have been duly appointed by the National Government, and will be dispatched together with the troops to the war areas.

As the Ministry of Finance is the highest financial organ of the National Government, the Finance Minister, Mr. Teng Shiu Yim, has decided to send some of the financial experts of his ministry to the war areas to take charge of the financial affairs of those towns that will be conquered by the Nationalist troops.

It is learned that the first batch of this commission will include five financial experts from the Ministry.

CANTON BUSINESS TAX.

(CENTRAL PRESS.)

Canton, Aug. 19. The officers appointed to take charge of the collection of business tax in Canton, who assumed office last Friday, started work yesterday.

It is reported that taxes will be collected on shops or commercial houses whose registered capital exceeds \$5,000.

The Department of Finance has instructed the magistrates of all the districts throughout the province to establish branch offices in their territories for the collection of the tax which will come into operation on September 1.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SOONG.**LAI'D TO REST AT SHANGHAI.**

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

Shanghai, Aug. 18. The funeral of Mr. T. V. Soong's mother took place today at Shanghai. A large number of prominent Nanking leaders, including Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, who suddenly arrived at Shanghai last night from Kiangsi via Nanking without previous notice, attended the funeral.

SALARY CUT FOR JUDGES.**COMPROMISE MADE IN AUSTRALIA.**

Melbourne, Aug. 12.—The knowledge of law possessed by the judge of the High Court proved for a while a stumbling-block in the way of the Government's efforts to secure all round economy.

The Federal Prime Minister, Mr. J. H. Scullin, suggested that the Judges of the Federal High Court should make a contribution to the common cause by voluntarily accepting a reduction in their salaries. Several judges, including the Chief Justice, however, pointed to a clause in the Commonwealth constitution which prohibits the reduction of judges' remuneration and they stated that they felt themselves unable to agree to do anything in contravention of the constitution.

But having brought this obstacle to economy to the notice of the Government, the judges did not find it beyond them to discover a way out. There was nothing in the constitution, they pointed out, stipulating that judges must draw travelling allowances and these they expressed their willingness to forgo.

Three other judges, however, have adopted a different expedient. They are paying \$750 each annually into the Treasury, this sum representing twenty-five per cent. of their salaries.

HIS 200TH WIFE.**ZULU "NAPOLEON'S" NEPHEW TO WED.**

Capetown.—Ten thousand Zulus are expected to gather at the Royal Kraal, 200 miles from Durban, when Solomon Dimulu, the Paramount Chief, and a direct descendant of Tshaka, Zulu "Napoleon," who died 100 years ago, will be married.

The ceremony occupies three days and consists of feasting on hundreds of cattle, beer-drinking and dancing.

A message from Durban states that this will be Dimulu's 200th wife. For the first time in history a film will be taken of the ceremony.

DEMPSEY SEEKS DIVORCE.**ON GROUND OF MENTAL CRUELTY.**

(REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, Aug. 17. On the ground of "mental cruelty," the famous ex-heavyweight champion of the world, Jack Dempsey, has filed a divorce petition against his wife, Estelle Taylor, at Reno, Nevada, the notorious divorce market.

JUNE'S DIVORCE.**NOT RECOGNISED IN BRITAIN.**

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

Reno, Aug. 17. Lady Inverclyde, better known as the actress June, has obtained a divorce from Lord Inverclyde, which, however, is not recognised by the English courts.

"More Nervous Than On First Night."

Reno, Aug. 18. "I was more nervous than on a first night," declared June when interviewed by Reuters' after her divorce. She said she intended to abandon the London stage and settle in California, which suited her health, and marry the producer Lothar Mendes as soon as the legal position of her divorce was settled. She also intends to become an American citizen.

June hopes to take up film work in America.

LIBERIA SLAVE INVESTIGATION.**EXPERTS RETURN TO GENEVA.**

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Aug. 17. The experts appointed at the request of the Liberian Government, following an international report on slavery in Liberia, to investigate the assistance which could be rendered to the Government in introducing reforms, has returned to Geneva and is preparing a report for submission to the special League Commission to be presided over by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson.

SPAIN RENOUNCES WAR.**NEW CONSTITUTION RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION.**

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

Madrid, Aug. 18. The new Spanish Constitution, released for publication last night, solemnly renounces war as an instrument of national policy, affirms the right of ownership of private property, and establishes a single-chamber Parliament.

The curious feature is the safeguard whereby Parliament is prevented from dominating the President, and vice versa, by each party having the right of appeal to the electorate and to dissolve the other.

PARAGUAY STRUCK BY CYCLONE.**FOUR HUNDRED HOUSES DESTROYED.**

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

Buenos Aires, Aug. 17. Paraguay has been struck by a violent cyclone which destroyed over four hundred houses at Asuncion, the capital. Several are reported to have been killed, while the number of injured runs into hundreds. Immense damage has also been done at Villa Rica, Bocayaty and other districts.

Communications are interrupted and fuller details of the disaster are difficult to obtain.

SAD COMMENTARY ON CHINA.**FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN HANSKE OUTRAGE.**

Swatow, July 30.—An interesting commentary on what happens to foreigners and foreign firms unprotected by recent developments of the Hanske case.

It will be remembered that on August 31, 1930, Mr. Hanske, an employee of the German chemical fertilizer company, the Deutsche Stickstoff Handels-Gesellschaft, accompanied a shipment of 300 bags of Sulphate of Ammonia from Swatow to Chao-an, a place on the Fukien-Kwangtung border. The cargo was confiscated and Mr. Hanske, after being thrown on the ground and his hands tied, was marched round the town with a foolscap on his head and an automatic pistol pressed into the small of his back while being pelted with filth and jeered at by the mob. He was kept prisoner for about 10 days.

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YANGTSE VALLEY FLOODS.**APPEAL FOR WHEAT ON CREDIT.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.

The Chinese Government have asked the United States Government what quantity of wheat is available in America on credit, for the relief of flood victims along the Yangtse Valley and elsewhere.

GRUESOME SIGHT AT HANKOW.**600 BODIES RECOVERED FROM FLOODED DISTRICT.**

Hankow, August 8.—It is reported by the police authorities of the flooded areas at the back of the business section of Hankow that 600 bodies have already been gathered by the men sent out to perform this task. It will be a long time before the work is completed, as witness the fact that one of the boats carrying relief to the folk on the embankment struck the roof of a submerged house. The impact carried away a large section of masonry and three corpses at once rose to the surface of the water. Hundreds more have made for the upper stories and have been trapped in this way.

The foreign community is settling down to bear its ill as best it can. Horses are taken out for exercise in the flooded streets by energetic riders of both sexes. Tennis is being played on the roof of at least one godown. Punting and rowing have their attractions, one young lady usually going about in a sampan vigorously rowed in Chinese style by herself while the boatman rests at his ease. Wading has lost its charms even for the Chinese as the water has become more filthy. There has been a rise of another two inches here, and reported rises at Chungking and Ichang, leave no hope for an immediate improvement. Wet weather adds to the general discomfort even for those who have houses.

Clinging to Property.

Out on the dyke and railway embankment the relief workers find that many people would be quite willing to move provided all their remaining belongings are taken too. They will not respond to invitations to move without what they have saved. The authorities have therefore arranged to send a fleet of boats to move the folk and their belongings to various points where they can squat, or from which they can make a trek into the country. But the continuous rain and the steady accumulation of water inland is becoming a serious menace. Word arrived, for example, from Siokan, 60 miles away, this morning that the breaking of a small dyke has meant the inundation of many houses in the city. So rapid was the rise of the water that folk who ran out with a few things to the higher ground, found themselves up to their waist in water when they came for a second load. Under these circumstances there is a steady trek of refugees from the country to Hankow which counterbalances the number who try to leave.

At present the Benevolent Halls and others have met the need for rice-gruel and bread very well. In fact the crowds on the embankment yesterday said that they had enough food but that they could not eat it because they had neither water nor tea.

and then released after protests had been made by the German Minister. The confiscated cargo was not released.

Negotiations for the recovery of the 300 bags of Sulphate of Ammonia continued until July 13 last and only then was permission given to remove it from Chao-an. Though the local magistrate had admitted that Mr. Hanske had complied with all the necessary requirements in the matter of passports, and import regulations, and that the boycott of foreign chemical fertilizers was unauthorized and illegal, the cargo was not released until the following fines and charges were paid.

(1) Fees to the Native Customs Office—\$250.
(2) Storage charges for 10 months at \$100 a month—\$1,000. (A reasonable charge for storage would have been \$10 a month).
(3) Contribution by the D.S.H. to the local park and recreation ground—\$600.
(4) Contribution by the German agent in Chao-an to local charities \$1,000. (This is probably also paid by the D.S.H.).

In all, for the ransom of approximately \$4,000 worth of cargo, \$3,050 was paid. Nevertheless the boycott of foreign fertilizers continues. The Municipal government is now entirely composed of sympathisers with the Canton party. But as it is expected that Nanking troops may come South at any time, the present occupants are not feeling very secure.

It is necessary for them therefore to make hay while the sun shines and recover the amounts they had to pay for their jobs as quickly as possible. This they are doing, and Chinese merchants and public utility companies are receiving demands for the immediate payment of levies.

RABIES DANGER.**QUESTIONS AT THE SANITARY BOARD MEETING.****ANSWERS TO MR. M. K. LO'S QUERIES.**

Important questions relating to dogs and rabies in Hong Kong were asked by Mr. M. K. Lo at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, held yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, Head of the Sanitary Department and President of the Board, was in the chair, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, D.P.W., Dr. G. W. Pope, M.O.H., Dr. W. M. Kock, Dr. R. A. de C. Basto, Mr. M. K. Lo, and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).

The Chairman called upon Mr. M. K. Lo to ask the questions, notice of which had been previously given to the Board.

Mr. M. K. Lo: "In view of the reported re-appearance of one case of rabies in Kowloon, will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to ascertain from the proper Authority, and state for the information of the public what is the maximum period within which a dog can live after showing clinical signs of rabies?"

The Chairman: "That depends on the maximum length of life of the dog, for the dog may recover."

Mr. M. K. Lo: "Is the following advice, contained in 'The Practice of Medicine in the Tropics'

(edited by Byam and Archibald) Vol. III, page 2213, sound?"

"The Biting Animal. Do Not Destroyed It, but keep it under observation until definite symptoms of rabies have developed, or for a period of ten days."

"If at the end of this period the animal is still alive and well, then it cannot have conveyed infection; the bitten person is free from risk, and if treatment has commenced it may be discontinued."

The Chairman: "Yes, if the figure 'fourteen' is substituted for the figure 'ten,' and if the reference is only to dogs which have not been vaccinated against rabies."

Mr. M. K. Lo: "After a dog has been injected with anti-rabies vaccine, and then shows signs of that disease, does the period of ten days mentioned above hold good? If not, what should be the period of detention and observation in such a case?"

The Chairman: "The advice does not hold good against dogs which have been vaccinated against rabies. The period of detention and observation in such cases is from 12 to 18 months."

Mr. M. K. Lo: "In the interests of public safety, is it the practice:

(a) to keep a dog bitten by a rabid dog in quarantine for observation, and

(b) if so, what is the period of such quarantine?"

The Chairman: "The answer to (a) is in the affirmative. With regard to (b) the period is six to eight months."

The remainder of the business of the Board was of a purely routine nature.

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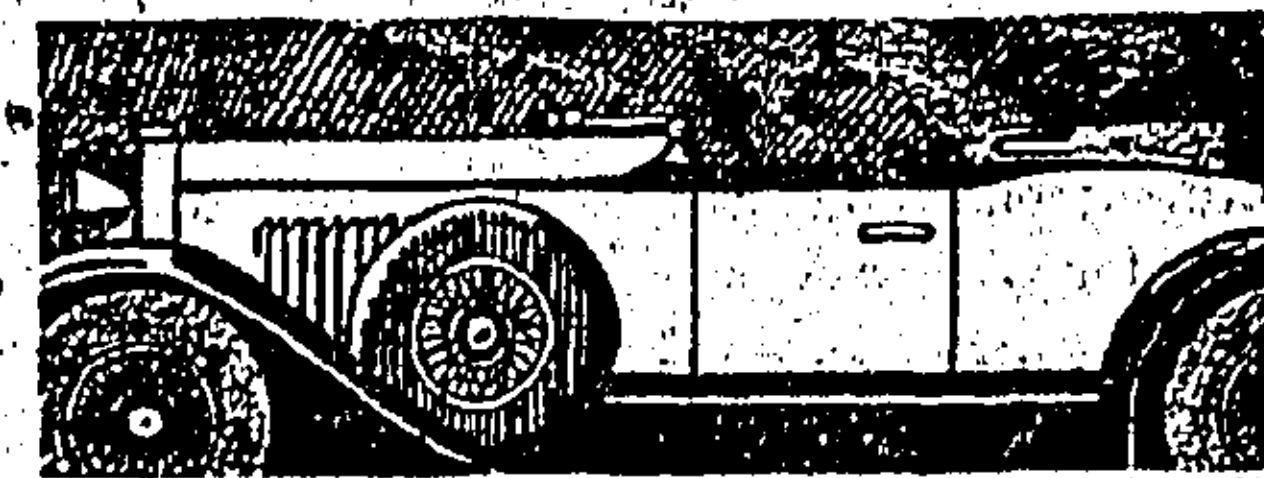
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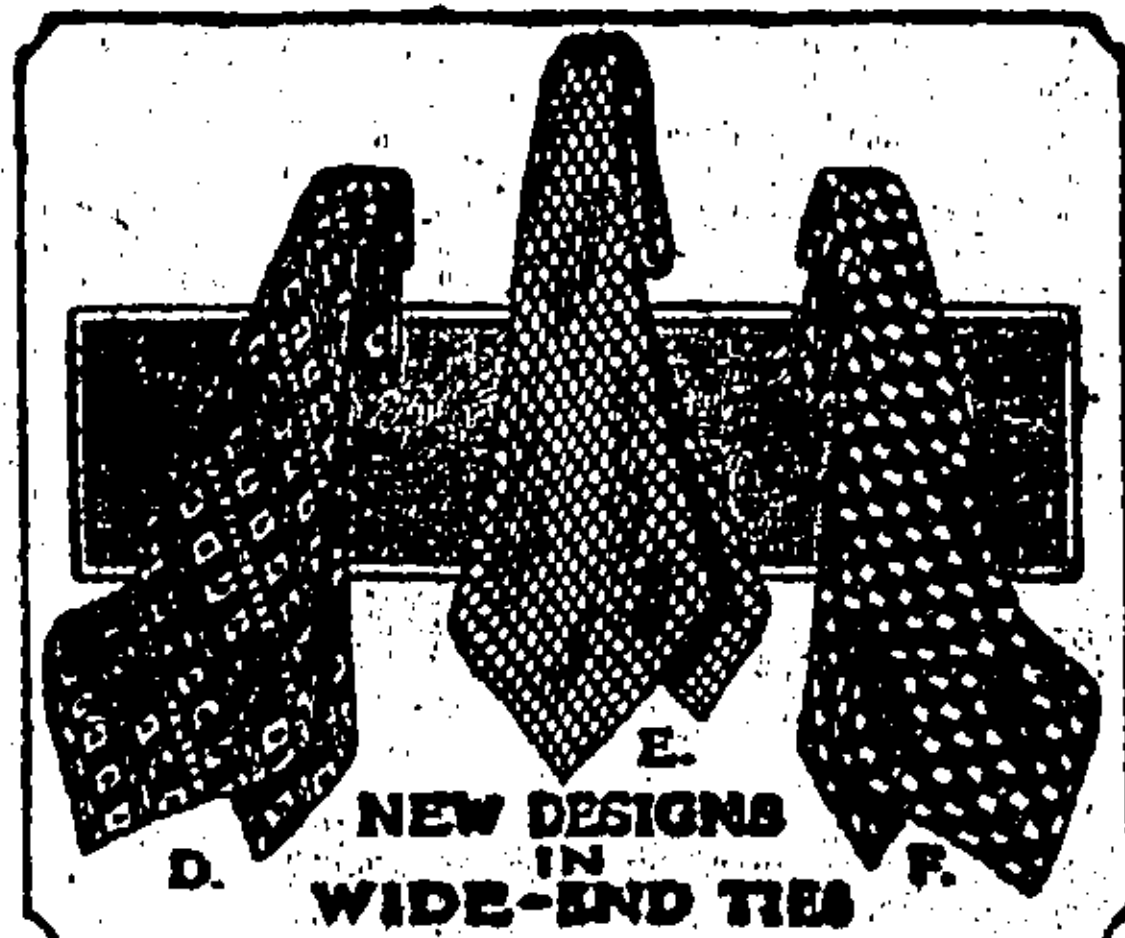
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ON LOVE.

CONSIDERED NOT TOO
DEEPLY.

[By TYNDALE KING.]

My dictionary tells me that one definition of love is *nothing*, as in tennis, billiards and some other games, but its editor being a Scotsman the said dictionary has many sly jokes, and this is possibly one of them. Another—*splendid mendacity*—has rendered "lying in state," which may be true, perhaps of the Divorce Court but is otherwise hardly applicable to the subject of this article.

And yet there is a truth in the statement that love is nothing. Has any poet, for instance, ever told us really to our satisfaction what love is? We are told what it is like, but is it not left to each of us to discover for ourselves what it is, only perhaps to find out what it is not, or rather, not what we thought it was? I think so, as the absent-minded curate said when asked if the two children at the end of the room were his!

Calf Love—And Lucky Youth
To-day.

Take youth's experience of what is called rather callously calf-love. It is often centred on someone considerably older than himself, and we have in *Young Woodley* a poignant picture which those who saw the play will not easily forget. That kind of love must obviously vary with the social conditions of the age, and I believe most early Edwardians—to think that I should have lived to describe myself thus:—will agree with me that the Georgians are probably very much better off than we were in this respect. By which I mean they at least are understood, which might not always have been our lot?

On school-boy love Calverley has some delicious lines in *Gemini and Virgo*:

She was a blushing, gushing thing;
All—more than all—my fancy painted;
Once—when she helped me to a wing
Of goose—I thought I should have fainted.

The people said that she was blue;
But I was green, and loved her dearly.
She was approaching thirty-two;
And I was then eleven, nearly.

Oh sweet—as to the toilworn man
The far-off sound of rippling river
As to cadets in Hindostan
The fleeting remnant of their liver—

To me was Anna, dear as gold
That fills the miser's sunless coffers:
As to the spinster, growing old,
The thought—the dream—that she had offers.

The thought, the dream, when we come down to brass tacks, I think we have in these two words something to guide us, futile though the quest may be. I remember seeing a play in Tientsin some years ago—it was an A.D.C. show, *French Leave*, I think—when in the last act the girl was being proposed to but didn't know or pretended not to know—what the man was driving at until he said quite simply: That is a picture of my dream-wife... and she has your face. In the play it was extremely touching—*les larmes en voix* may have been responsible for that—but in real life, in broad daylight, so to speak, wouldn't most girls to-day probably just say: Oh, yeah! Still, I think men can and do bluff as well as women. For instance those with gramophones—apart from their records—will be familiar with

Just a little love, a little kiss—
And I'll give all my life for this!

Is there a girl to-day, especially those with even a casual acquaintance with exchange, who for more than a fleeting moment would entertain such an empty promise? I hope not, and rightly so, for heavenly knights (for which I ask pardon) may be altogether delightful, but some of them have a very definite habit of not being too punctilious when it comes to the mundane work of settling accounts! And again, in what we may call the *Teetotaler's Song*, we have a variant of the same theme:

Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine;
Leave a kiss within the cup,
And I'll not ask for wine!

A kiss within the cup! What memories that stir! And what draughts of wine would be necessary entirely to efface them even at this late date!

And why should people fall in love, if love is not a species of accident? And be heart-broken? Or do these merely come under the term *façon de parler*? And again, it is

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S.S. ANGERS BADLY HOLED.

AN UNEXPLAINED MISHAP.

When the Messageries Maritimes s.s. Angers came into port from Shanghai yesterday morning, it was noticed that she had a very big hole on her port bow, well above waterline. The refusal of the captain to make any statement has converted into a mystery what appeared to be a mishap to the vessel on her voyage here from the northern port. The hole was about five feet in length and two feet wide and appeared to have been caused by a sharp blow. Although it was said that no one had been injured, confirmation of this was not forthcoming.

Enquiries on board the vessel threw no light on the matter. The purser had gone ashore, while the second officer was unwilling to speak about the mishap, as regards the captain, he refused to see anyone and to make a statement. Other members of the crew were also very reticent, although one man said that if the ship had encountered a storm, he must have slept through it!

complained the path of true love never runs smooth, or straight? Why should it and who wants it to? Isn't a straight road extremely boring? And doesn't a winding tortuous path offer not only the probability of adventure and thrills, but also variety of scenery as well as the possibility of escape? To-day it is simply absurd to talk about love being blind, though I am told—and I can well believe it—in some isolated instances one of the parties may figuratively have been in this condition to awake next morning to a bad head and impending matrimony! Here we seem to have immediate evidence in favour of the tortuous path as opposed to the straight road.

Said Adam to Eve.

And yet if someone were to tell me that love is sacrifice—which is a really beautiful word—I would be prepared to agree that it is probably as good a definition as any other. But who makes the sacrifice is not so easily determined, or perhaps it can be put more clearly by stating simply that there is no love where there is no sacrifice. This sounds sententious, but nevertheless we must put *it* to it.

But perhaps love is only love, and indeed need be nothing else! Take lovers in fiction or history, commencing if you wish with Adam and Eve, and you get continuity if you get nothing more. As I heard it put in song in the *revue A to Z*:

Though it seems most difficult to believe,
Adam said the very same things to Eve—

and so it will go on, I suppose and hope, for ever. As an obscure poet wrote:

There are things you cannot crush—
Spring, and the song of the thrush.

Nelson and Tristram.

As an illustration of sacrifice, Nelson's love for his Divine Lady is to my mind supreme. It was a twin infatuation, on the one hand for his Country—possibly the greatest love of all—and on the other for his beloved Emma—passion on the grand scale. Yet English ungrateful, snobbish England—could do no more than erect a monument to his memory, leaving his "darling Emma" to revert to type and die most ingloriously practically in the gutter!

Other unhappy lovers were Tristram and Isolt, though after wringing one's vitals out over their tragic story it may be some consolation to think that perhaps after all they never existed. They are—with Nelson and Emma—my favourite lovers, and I may be permitted to conclude this article by quoting Matthew Arnold's exquisitely touching lines when Isolt and Tristram meet after many years, the latter at the point of death:—

Tristram:
Thou art paler, but thy sweet charm, Isolt,
Would not fade with the dull years away.
Ah, how fair thou standest in the moonlight!
I forgive thee, Isolt!—thou wilt stay!

Isolt:
Fear me not, I will be always with thee;
I will watch thee, tend thee,
Sing thee tales of true long-parted lovers.
Join'd at evening of their days again.

If you have never met an Isolt it is certainly your misfortune, but it may mean you could never be a Tristram; while if you have—well, you were—or are—lucky!

FATHER FROC IN
HONG KONG.ROTARIANS HONOUR DIS-
TINGUISHED METEORO-
LOGIST.

MR. CLAXTON'S TRIBUTE.

Rev. Father Froc, S.J., Director of the Zicawei Observatory, who passed through the Colony yesterday on his way to France, was a guest at the Rotary Club yesterday, when Mr. F. E. Claxton, of the local Observatory, paid a great tribute to the service rendered by Father Froc to the cause of meteorology in the Far East.

Father Froc did not stay to lunch, as the French mail by which he sailed, left Hong Kong at 2 p.m.

Sir William Hornell, in introducing Father Froc, said that local Rotarians were all delighted to see him. "We thank you for all you have done, not only for Hong Kong, but also for China. I am sorry that the French mail cannot delay its departure to enable you to have lunch with us."

Mr. Claxton's Speech.

Mr. Claxton said:—When I heard Father Froc was due to pass through Hong Kong to-day by the French mail, I thought an excellent way of honouring him would be to invite him to a Rotary luncheon party, as these take place on Tuesdays and the French mail usually arrives on Tuesday morning and leaves in the evening.

Quite a number of people of Hong Kong were anxious to do honour to Father Froc on his retirement, but no one person could have done it so effectively as the Rotary Club. Nowhere could Father Froc have met such a representative gathering as you have at these meetings.

Unfortunately, the French mail leaves to-day at 2 p.m., so Father Froc will not be able to stay to luncheon but we shall have sufficient time in which to drink his health and to say goodbye.

First of all, as the representative of meteorology in Hong Kong, I should like to thank the Club for asking Father Froc here to-day. We are all charmed to have him with us again and regret that his stay will not be so long as we could have wished.

I first met Father Froc in 1911 when on a visit to all the observatories in the Far East, and we established an immediate friendship. Since that time we have corresponded frequently and met, I regret to say, less frequently. We have occasionally differed over matters of detail; what intelligent men have not? But this has not affected our friendship, which, I am proud to think, is as firm to-day as it has ever been.

A Useful Life.

Time does not admit of even giving a brief resumé of Father Froc's activities in the cause of meteorology in general and of typhoon warnings in particular. I will only say, their name is legion. If any man deserves well of his country, that man is Father Froc. He has lived; the world is better for that life.

I admire Father Froc tremendously, but what I admire most is his youth and indomitable spirit. His body is a generation older than mine but his spirit is a generation younger.

Father Froc's health broke down in 1923 and he returned to France, his native country, but his *locum tenens* fell sick so Father Froc came back immediately to his beloved observatory, in spite of his years, and has since carried on the work there with all his old energy and enthusiasm, with only one slight interruption, a trip to Stockholm last year to attend an international conference; undertaken in the spirit of a young man of about 30. If I were an American I should say, "can you beat it?"

While wishing Father Froc a very pleasant journey home, I suppose I should add a well-deserved rest; but this, I believe, would be quite useless. On arrival at Marseilles I expect Father Froc will dash off to Paris, re-organise the French Weather Bureau and make General Delcambre, the Director, wonder why he had not thought of these things before.

Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the health, longer life and happiness of Father Froc, the distinguished Director for many years of a renowned observatory, Zicawei. (Applause.)

Ambition to Serve the Sea.

Replying Father Froc remarked: "They call me a typhoon maker but I am not a speech maker and all I can say is that I thank you very much for the words you have spoken."

Continuing, Father Froc said that in spite of years and years of differences of opinion he had a strong and true friendship with the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory. He went on to say that his great ambition was to serve the sea and become a sailor, but, having chosen the cloth, he made up his mind to render the best service he could to sailors, and he was sent to the Maritime Observatory. "I did my best to save as many sailors as I could. I am glad to see Hong Kong Observatory is doing the same."

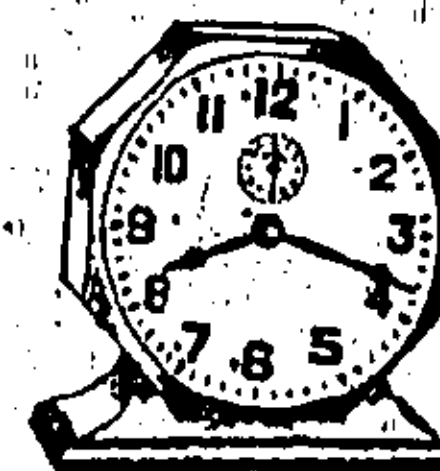
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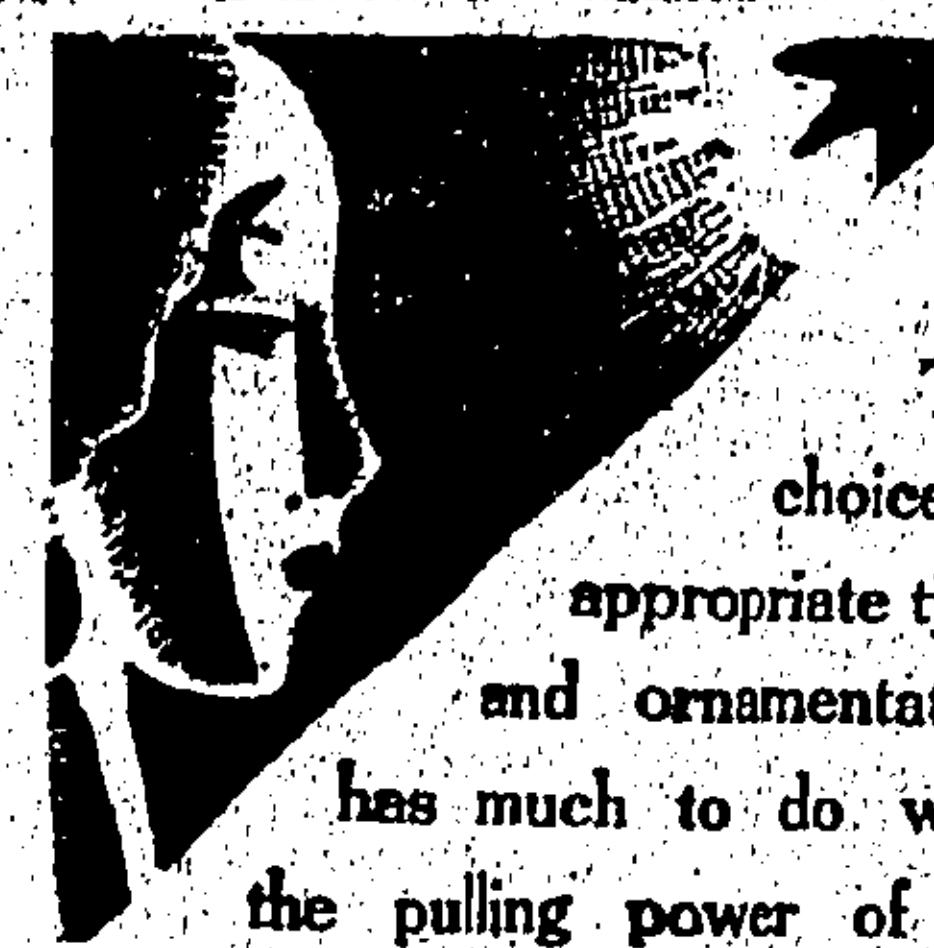
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"SERVICE" THE MOTTO OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE.

An interesting insight into the work of a Trade Commission was afforded to members of the Rotary Club yesterday, when Mr. David M. Maynard, Acting Trade Commissioner for the United States of America, gave an address entitled "A Trade Commissioner at work."

Service, said Mr. Maynard, was the motto of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and its officers; service to the American manufacturer and producer, service to the importer and exporter and finally in the work of interpretation and arbitration—service to the great cause of international understanding among nations.

Sir William Hornell presided at the meeting.

BOON TO AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS.

Mr. Maynard's address was as follows:—

The last time I spoke before a microphone of this kind—I was wedged in between a Negro quartette who were advertising a new brand of toothpaste and a selection from the Hotstuff Jamboree of Memphis. You can readily understand therefore, that I could scarcely turn down Mr. McPherson when he asked me to speak to-day and told me that he was placing me between the Salvation Army and Child Welfare. (Laughter.)

A Trade Commissioner at work—well, perhaps the topic of my address might better have been: What is a Trade Commissioner, what does he do, who does he do it for, where does he come from and where is he going to? The latter point, however, I will not endeavour to go into in my present talk as that matter is largely predetermined by Washington in consultation with St. Peter. (Laughter.)

Trade Commissioners are an invention of, I might better say, a development of the twentieth century. Consular and diplomatic agencies have, traditionally looked after the affairs of trade and it was only when, because of the annihilation of space, the growing interdependence of nations and the corresponding growth of the functions of the diplomatic and consular services, that this service was supplemented by a special organization which could devote its entire attention and energy to assisting manufacturers and producers and aid in the expansion of foreign trade. In a world which is more and more demanding specialists, it was felt that trained envoys of trade might best serve the country. At the same time, however, the Consulates continue their trade work with constant co-operation between the two services.

First Appointment in 1914.

The United States Department of Commerce appointed its first Commercial Attaché to the American Legation in China in October, 1914. Five other attaches were sent out from Washington during that same year. At present there are over one hundred and fifty commissioned officers in the field, located in fifty-nine of the principal commercial cities of the world. The first man to be assigned to the Legation in Peking was Julius Arnold who still maintains that post as American Commercial Attaché. When Mr. Arnold was appointed he had already been in the Consular service in China for twelve years and in fact was one of the first students from the University of California who, according to his classmates, spent all of his undergraduate days studying and planning for service in the Far East. Mr. Arnold now has charge of the four China offices with eleven commissioned officers to aid him.

Hong Kong, as the natural distributing centre for South China is included in the China organization the other three offices being located at Shanghai, Tientsin and Mukden. It is a great tribute to Mr. Arnold that in my travels in South China I have everywhere found a host of his friends and his name an open password in Chinese circles.

There are at present three Trade Commissioners located in the Colony of Hong Kong. The Canadian Government was the first to open an office under the able direction of Mr. Paul Sykes, assisted by Mr. W. J. Riddiford. The Government of Spain recently saw fit to appoint Senor Jose Ledesma as Spanish Trade Commissioner for the Far East, while the office of the American Trade Commissioner was opened just a year ago by Mr. Granville O. Woodard, a member of this Club, who is at present on home leave in the United States. Needless to say, cordial relationships exist between these offices.

A Huge Territory.

The quarters of the American Trade Commissioner are located in this building on the second floor. The territory assigned to our office extends from Foochow in the North,

to Yunnan in the South and includes also, Tonkin. You must admit that that is a big chunk to keep in close touch with. A trip is made to the farther cities once a year, while Canton, Macao and the closer ports are visited each month. The peculiar location of Hong Kong however, makes it a very advantageous spot to watch the ebb and flow of trade. For example, goods for Kwangsi or from Kwangsi largely move through this port and market conditions in that Province can be fairly well judged therefore through the eyes of Hong Kong dealers.

A Trade Commissioner has numerous sides or angles to his work. I will enumerate a few of these and enlarge upon each one slightly. In the first place, our office acts as a news service for general market information, industrial growth and business trends. Each week a cable is despatched to Washington with current developments. The China organization furthermore puts out each month a Trade Report ranging from forty to eighty mimeographed pages which is circulated among American concerns in China and sent to those in the United States specially interested in the Far East. I have here a copy of the weekly publication of the Department of Commerce, called "Commerce Reports." This incorporates cables and written reports from each of the fifty nine foreign offices.

In addition to this, special pamphlets are distributed to the principal trades; for example, I have here a weekly publication called "Foreign Communication News." This is sent to all concerns interested in communication and transportation. Again, if you happen to be a subscriber to the trade journal called the "National Bottlers' Gazette," you would have found an article emanating from this office on the splendid modern up-to-date aerated water plant maintained by Watson & Co., Ltd. of this Colony. This information service, however, is not a one way affair; we receive each month, a comprehensive cable from Washington summarizing trade conditions in the United States.

American Yarn and Lumber.

A second phase of the work is the investigation into the general market for various commodities. For example, we have recently made an investigation into the market for American yarn in China, and again reviewed the potential market for American lumber. In this type of study, all our offices contribute and the results are published in special form; for example, I have here a copy of "Radio Markets of the World" which outlines in detail the sale of radios in the foreign markets of the world and the types most suitable for the different areas.

The third phase of our work deals with the gathering of detailed information in regard to companies in Hong Kong. In other words, a company in Hong Kong writes to a manufacturer, say in Chicago, asking him to make a shipment of radios or possibly requesting an agency. We often receive a letter from the American concern, and in some cases even a cable, which calls for information in regard to the local company. This not only includes credit information but the general reputation and standing of the concern in the community.

For example, recently one manufacturer in the United States wrote asking whether or not we felt that a certain local concern should be sent expensive samples of their products. When we tried to look up this firm we were unable to find it in the telephone book, in the Directory or in our files, but when we did at last discover the manager we found that he had no idea of the use of the particular product and had merely copied the name and addresses of a number of American manufacturers from some magazine, requesting in each case, a complete line of samples and an option of an agency. (Laughter.)

On the other hand, some weeks ago, we received from an automobile manufacturer a list of concerns interested in an agency. This list was checked over and each company investigated and the facts laid before their Far Eastern representative on his arrival. The representative left the Colony four days later with an agent appointed and an initial order of some \$35,000. This service is available to all American firms and the Commercial Intelligence Division in Washington has on its files the records of foreign firms totalling over three quarters of a million.

Specific Articles.

Still another side of our work, and one which occupies a very large portion of our time, is the investigation of the possible sale or outlet for specific articles. For example, a manufacturer of toothpaste in New York is interested in exporting to the Orient. He first goes to the District Office of the Department of Commerce in New York, obtaining from them all available information on the market for toothpaste in the Far East. If he feels that this is insufficient for his purpose he then writes direct to us giving details and prices of his product. We then approach local importers asking if they are interested in this particular line and report the results to the New York firm.

We receive and handle an average of eight to ten letters of this type each week ranging in subject matter from chewing gum to railway locomotives. In many cases there is no market at all for these products and if this is true we must explain why, to the satisfaction of the American exporter. Anti-freeze is an example of this type of article which a New York firm recently wished to market in Hong Kong. Anti-freeze is guaranteed to keep your engines from freezing in the winter. In most cases, however, the articles offer very real possibilities of sale. (On the other hand, importers from Hong Kong wishing to purchase dried fish, motion picture apparatus or aeroplanes are put into contact with manufacturers in the United States. This side of the service grows as the office becomes known in the community and during the past six months we have had a steadily increasing number of requests of this character.)

One day, a man came into my office and said that he had seen something in the United States which he believed would sell in Hong Kong. We will call it a patent can-opener. I asked him its name but he had forgotten that. I asked him if he knew who manufactured the article but he was unable to say. I then asked him where he saw the article but this too he had forgotten. Finally he took a piece of paper and a pencil and said: "It looks something like this." I sent this rough sketch back to our Specialties Division in Washington for investigation. Within two months we had the article and its manufacturer located and that particular brand of patent can-opener can now be purchased in local stores.

Our office also maintains a reference library containing valuable statistics, a number of directories of manufacturers, some two hundred catalogues and a file of current trade journals and American newspapers, all of which are available to any and all visitors who might find them of use.

Organization in U.S.A.

Back of this work in the foreign field, there are thirty four district offices of the Department located in strategic trade centres throughout the United States. In Washington, the Department maintains eighteen special commodity divisions, each one headed by a man who has specialized in that particular commodity. For example, the tobacco division is under the control of an expert of the tobacco trade, while the aeronautics division is directed by a man with experience in aviation and also recognized as an authority among aircraft manufacturers.

In short, the whole theory and motto of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and its offices in the field may be summed up in the single word—which also represents the motto of American business—Service to the American manufacturer and producer—service to the importer and exporter and finally in the work of interpretation and arbitration—Service to the great cause of international understanding among nations. (Applause.)

Speaker Thanked.

In returning thanks to Mr. Maynard for his address, Mr. P. S. Cassidy said that the speaker had certainly shown that a Trade Commissioner was not one who merely sat at a desk with a clean sheet of blotting paper in front of him. Mr. Maynard's speech had been an eye-opener to some of them, who probably did not realize to what extent and trouble Mr. Maynard went in trying to link up the traders of South China with the manufacturers of America.

It made one rather wish that there was a British commercial attaché here, but, speaking as a merchant, he might say that the organization of the Chamber of Commerce fulfilled the function of a Trade Commissioner very ably.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S TRANSACTIONS.

The Stock Market was generally quiet yesterday morning, but the undertone remained steady.

Banks were done at \$2,040. Unions had sellers at \$505, and sales of Underwriters took place at \$50.

Hong Kong Steamboats had buyers in the market at \$281, but nothing transpired.

Waterboats were enquired for at \$231 without leading to business.

Providents (old) had sellers at \$6.15, but buyers were not willing to pay higher than \$6.05.

Hotels (old) were done at \$17.45 and \$17.35, but there were sellers willing to continue at \$17.40.

Land, with sales put through at \$211, had buyers willing to do business at \$201.

Realties were in demand at \$17.35, sellers asking \$17.40, and sales were reported at \$17.30.

Two Ottomans—Sales have to be recorded at Tis. 15.15, but there were buyers at the close at Tis. 15.20.

Shanghai Ottomans were reported to have changed hands at Tis. 8.81, buyers prevailing at Tis. 9.0.

China Lights were firmer at \$26.90 buyers, but shares were not obtainable at this rate.

Hong Kong Electric were transacted at \$811 with further buyers at the rate.

Telephones (part paid) were done at \$331, and there were buyers prepared to pay \$331.

Cements had sellers at \$20.15, with sales negotiated at \$20.10, but buyers were willing to go on at \$20.

Dairy Farms were in demand at \$321, and sales occurred at \$32.00.

Watsons were dealt in at \$16.60, buyers offering \$16.50.

Constructions had buyers at \$13, but no business resulted.

Afternoon Transactions.

At the afternoon session the market was again steady, and it was reported that the liquidation for the approaching Settlement is proceeding smoothly. The changes were as follows:—

Bank of East Asia shares had buyers at \$132, but no shares came out.

Waterboats were dealt in at \$231. Hotels (old) were enquired for at \$17.30 without leading to business.

Ewos changed hands at Tis. 151 and Tis. 15.30.

Zoong Sings had buyers at Tis. 111, but the rate did not procure shares.

Star Forties were put through at \$94.

China Lights were sold at \$27. Dairy Farms had buyers at \$32.05, but sellers were asking \$32.

Watsons were the medium of sales at \$16.40 and \$16.

Lane Crawford (old) were wanted at \$7.60, but no shares were forthcoming.

AMATEUR SLEUTH.

CAUSES ARREST OF TWO KIDNAPPERS.

SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED.

Sentence of four years' hard labour was passed by Mr. Justice Lindell at the Supreme Court yesterday, on a Chinese convicted on a charge of kidnapping a five-year-old child on July 23. An old woman, who was convicted of the same offence, was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

The arrest of the two persons was brought about through the alert observation of an amateur detective.

The following jurymen were sworn:—Messrs. A. S. Abbott (foreman), A. Zimmerman, O. Jackson, Chun Yat Fung, R. G. Craig, L. A. Rozario and J. A. Lau.

According to Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, the child was missed by his parents at 3 p.m. on July 23 soon after his father a stall-holder at West Point, had given him a cent to buy some sweets.

Became Suspicious.

Shortly after that time he had evidently met the prisoners, for at 4 p.m., the child was seen by the amateur detective, a car cleaner, in Lockhart Road, Wan-chai, accompanied by the two prisoners and another man, who had not been apprehended. The car cleaner became suspicious of the behaviour of the trio of adults, as the men were standing apart from the woman, and beckoning her on and making signals.

He kept the group under observation for about an hour, and finally saw the woman take the child into the Grand Theatre, Wan-chai, while the two men took a bus to the city. The watcher then communicated with a friend of his, a Chinese detective, and under his instructions, went into the theatre and sat behind the woman and child. When they came out about 9 p.m., the male accused was waiting in addition to the Chinese detective.

(Continued on next column.)

HANGCHOW NEWS LETTER.

ANGRY FARMERS STONE BUS PASSENGERS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hangchow, August 10.

With the advent of the "great heat" activities amongst both Chinese and foreigners are decidedly fewer, and the tennis club at the Y.M.C.A. is not so largely patronised as during the two previous months.

A very frequent sight in the streets now is to see recruits marching along, and it is said that men are again being impressed into the army.

Mr. Zhao, who was educated in France and has a French wife has recently been elected to the mayoralty, and took up office at the beginning of this month.

The Rotary Club.

The Rotarians continue to hold their weekly tiffin meetings, but addresses are not being given. Members of the Rotary Club from Hangchow and Shanghai, who are at Mokanshan, are holding joint weekly tiffins, when they meet for friendly intercourse only. A very successful "ladies evening" was held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Mei, well-known Shanghai residents, whose yearly visits to Mokanshan are much appreciated, for by their friendliness and geniality they have endeared themselves to many.

Rains and Flood.

Two weeks ago we experienced heavy rains, with the result that the motor bus service between Hangchow and Mokanshan was suspended for three days, owing to about one mile of the road being washed away. When the Public Works Department resumed their bus service, it was necessary for the passengers to walk over the bad piece of road, and much unpleasantness was theirs. The local farmers threw stones at them, and did all they could to annoy and irritate the passengers. This, because they consider that the Public Works Department is responsible for the floods. The farmers maintain that the banking up of the road prevents necessary drainage for the paddy fields, so with the help of the rain they have managed to do away with some of the very necessary banking up of the road. Now the journey is fraught with less danger as policemen are on the spot, and the farmers appear more friendly outwardly.

Personal.

Mr. A. W. Foster Kemp of the A.P.C. is shortly leaving, as he has been transferred to Chinkiang. Mr. Butler has been sent here in his stead.

Dr. C. T. Wang, and the ex-Chairman of Chekiang are visiting Mokanshan, and Mr. Lam Woo, well-known Hong Kong resident, is again enjoying the coolness and quiet of the mountain top.

The death of the Rev. T. Harwood, of the Pacific Coast Mission, occurred suddenly on the 4th inst. Many friends attended the funeral service, and Hangchow and surrounding districts are mourning the loss of one who was greatly beloved.

MACAO DISASTER.

LOCAL FUND IN AID OF VICTIMS.

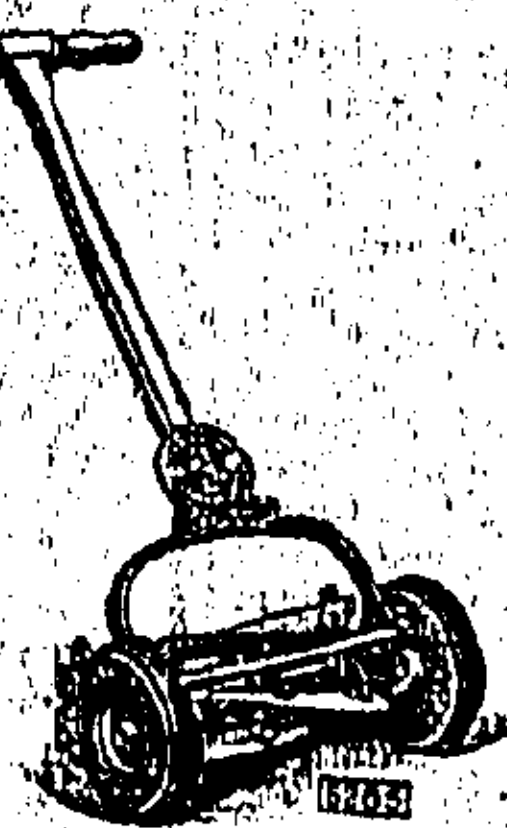
The Club Lusitano has started a fund in aid of the victims of the Macao disaster. Sympathisers who desire to subscribe towards the fund are kindly requested to forward their donations to the Hon. Secretary of the Club.

A list of subscriptions received will be published from time to time in the local Press.

As the accused were walking down Spring Garden Lane leading the child by the hand, they were apprehended by the Chinese detective, and in answer to his questions said the child was the woman's grandson. They altered their tale when charged, however, declaring that a man named Ah Yu gave them the boy to look after for a while. When the boy was returned to his parents, they found that his clothing had been entirely changed.

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G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th DAY of AUGUST, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal as a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1856	North-west of New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1830, Tai Po Road and Un Chau Street, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	About 9,330	154	18,750

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G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th DAY of AUGUST, 1931, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Un Chau Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal as a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1857	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1847, Un Chau Street, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	About 7,420	138	14,940

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THE SOUTH CHINA MOTORSHIP BUILDING AND REPAIRING WORKS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 8, GZONG'S BUILDING, 2nd Floor, on TUESDAY, the 25th DAY of AUGUST, 1931, at 12.30 p.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts, to re-elect Directors, and to re-elect Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
BEANDT & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th August, 1931. [1067]

NOTICE.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 20th, to MONDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th Aug., 1931. [1064]

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to the Non-arrival of Subscription Ponies from SHANGHAI, the Stewards are reluctantly compelled to CANCEL the 2nd Day of the ISABELLA RACE MEETING, viz. the 20th AUGUST. The MEETING will therefore be held on SUNDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER ONLY.

By Order,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
[1065]

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NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Certificate for 100 Old Shares in this Company registered in the Name of the Late ISAAC SAMUEL PERRY have been LOST or DESTROYED, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Company before the 20th AUGUST, 1931, New Certificates for said Shares will be issued and the Old Certificates Nos. 6745 dated 2nd June, 1911, and 6765 dated 27th July, 1911, will be thereafter treated by this Company as NULL and VOID.

Certificate No. 6745 dated 2nd June, 1911, for 50 Shares Nos. 3550/3559.
Certificate No. 6765 dated 27th July, 1911, for 100 Shares Nos. 3560/3599 and 129645/129694.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th July, 1931. [979]

NOTICE.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to this Company to issue to Mr. YEUNG IU TUNG, Duplicate Certificate for 60 Shares in this Company numbered 79836 to 79885, or other Certificate in lieu thereof upon statement that the Original Certificate No. 555, dated 8th November, 1922, has been LOST or MISLAIN.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, if, at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof, the above Certificate be not forthcoming the Said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT, and a NEW CERTIFICATE for the Said Shares will be issued in its stead by the Company.

B. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd July, 1931. [988]

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BIRTHS.

CLEMENTS.—On August 11, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. CLEMENTS, twin sons.
HARMON.—On August 13, at Tsing-tao, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. HARMON, a son.

DEATH.

PARTIER.—On August 12, at Shanghai, CONCEPCION RODRIGUEZ DE RIVERA DE PARTIER, aged 62 years.

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, August 19, 1931.

WAR CLOUDS IN THE NORTH.

At the present time it is extraordinarily difficult to get news of what is happening in China. Comrade Bonodin taught the Kuomintang the uses of propaganda, and ever since the Northern Expedition set out to conquer China, as much by the aid of posters and pamphlets as by powder and shot, all parties have observed their activities behind a smoke-cloud of carefully prepared publicity.

From Nanking, we are told that the Reds in Kiangsi have been dispersed, as an Army if not entirely eradicated; that peace with Canton will be secured without bloodshed, and that the Nanking-Mukden alliance continues to dominate the situation in China. The Canton Government tells a very different story, and there is little to be done except to wait the course of events.

In Manchuria chaos was expected after the death of CHANG TSO LIN, but the drastic methods of CHANG HUEI LIANG, beginning with the summary execution of YANG YU TING, "The Brains of the North," have preserved an unbroken continuity in the Mukden Government. So far this year the revolt against the Nanking and Mukden Governments has been languid. FENG YU HSIAO and YES HSI SHAN have been again and again reported to be on the move, but no reliable news of the size of their armies and the places occupied has been available. A coalition comprising this pair, SHIH YU SAN and HAN FU CHU, the powerful Shantung war-lord, was confidently predicted, but apart from the isolated move by SHIH YU SAN nothing has happened in the North. Advantage was not taken of CHANG HUEI LIANG's long illness, and the disaffected elements

appear further than ever from a working alliance against Mukden and Nanking. HAN FU CHU was formerly a subordinate of FENG YU HSIAO, and refuses to work with his old leader. On the other hand, the "Christian General" still has a big following among members of the Kuominchun and YES HSI SHAN will not, or cannot, discard his colleague in many campaigns.

Uncertainty must continue, while peace depends upon the collaboration of CHANG KAI SHEK and the young governor of Manchuria. Canton news agencies naturally give prominence to circumstantial stories of friction between these two, and between CHANG HUEI LIANG and his (adopted) brother YU HAUZEI CHUNG, the Governor of Peiping and Tientsin. Even the name of the "Boy Emperor" has not been spared, and "Mr. (Fu) Yu," will, it is said, in certain quarters, emerge from Dairen, where he now lives in retirement, to become king of his native Manchuria, after YES HSI SHAN, who is said, still to have very powerful backing, has precipitated the fall of CHANG HUEI LIANG by driving the Fengtien Army back into its own province, where disaffected elements are watching their opportunity.

These wars and rumours of war show that the prospects of a real, as against, fictitious unity, in China have receded ever since the Disbandment Conference of 1923. The war lords may be eternally hostile one to the other, but upon one thing they seem unanimous. They will not submit to a central Government. Their armies are their personal property, and full power to fight each other and to ravage the districts they are supposed to administer remains unimpaired. China is now facing, in the Yangtze Valley floods, a great catastrophe causing immense loss of life, and enormous damage to once prosperous towns and provinces. It remains to be seen whether the spectacle of this great tragedy will have any effect upon the wars and plottings of the generals and the politicians who all protest their concern for the welfare, the unity and the prestige of their country.

FLIGHT AND DISEASE.

The age of flight on which we are entering will hold, if some of the experts at a recent meeting of the British Medical Association are to be believed, at least one menace to civilisation—that may need elaborate precautions. The dangers of the airship and the plane as disease-carriers have not been fully investigated. One speaker reminded his hearers that journeys from distant infected countries can be made by air well within the incubation periods of the major infectious diseases. Australia, for instance, maintains a happy immunity from plague and cholera because the traveller reaching her by sea from the nearest points where they are prevalent is bound, if he is infected, to reveal the fact in the course of the voyage. If he arrives by air he may easily establish many contacts before the danger he imports is detected. Moreover, it is feared that not only man but the mosquito may take advantage of the new mode of travel. Sir MALCOLM WATSON drew a gloomy picture of the mosquito that carries yellow fever boarding a plane from West Africa, where the disease is endemic, and spreading it among the peoples of East Africa, where it is as yet unknown. In that event, he considers, it would inevitably carry devastation throughout Asia, with results that might "shake our civilisation to the ground." The men of science do well to put us on our guard. The dangers to which they refer are a matter for international conference. If the risk is judged to be as high as they put it, measures to secure the safety of the rest of the world through the quarantine of travellers from infected areas, will have to take precedence even over speed in travel.

★ News and Views ★

The Perfect Man!

"I hope you don't think I'm conceited," he said, after he had finished telling her about himself. "Oh, no," she replied, "but I'm just wondering how you can keep from giving three hearty cheers whenever you look at yourself in the glass."

Happy Cops.

New York Prohibition agents are reported to have alleged that they have not been able to raid a barge which has been running undisturbed for three years because it has been protected by the police. The lot of the New York cop appears to be quite a happy one, at times. This reminds one of the experience of a man who was in a New York speakeasy. A Prohibition agent was making inquiries which the proprietor found tedious. "If you don't get to H—I out of this," the proprietor remarked, "I'll call the police!"

Making Records at Home.

An invention that enables people to make their own gramophone records was demonstrated at a luncheon given in London by the "Fay" Home Recorders. Sir George Thurston, who presided, explained that the invention consisted of a small device which in about two seconds could be fitted to the motor spindle of any gramophone turntable. Mr. Hugh P. Fay, the inventor, stated that for an outlay of two guineas it was possible to make one's own records, and the cost of the record itself would be only sixpence. With a five-guinea apparatus it was possible to record broadcast music. All the speeches made during the demonstration were reproduced on the "Fay" Home Recorder, with remarkable clarity and volume.

Character Not Enough.

Sir Josiah Stamp, distributing the prizes at the London Orphanage School, Watford, said that one man, giving prizes at a prize day he remembered as a boy, told him that he thought that the only thing that mattered was character, and if they only had character, everything else could be allowed to go. He did not agree. The world was full of very good and very stupid people, and a horrible mess they had got us into. He believed it was possible to have both brains and character. The boy with most facts usually had the whip hand over everybody else. Girls could have the whip hand without worrying about facts. (Laughter.) Knowledge would make them self-reliant, and if there was one thing that was wanted in the citizens of this country, and especially among the growing men and women, it was self-reliance.

Eros' Return.

In view of the approaching recreation of the Eros statue in Piccadilly-circus, Westminster City Council decided that specially designed lamp columns should be provided for the island, and invited the chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Arts to prepare a design. This has been done, and the design is described as suitable for the purpose and in harmony with the surroundings. There is to be no flood lighting in the circus. Both the gas company and the electric light company, consulted by the Westminster City Council, regarded the idea as impracticable, difficult, and costly.

Golf Club Lies Where Ball was Aimed.

During the rain on Sunday last two prominent local golfers tried their luck on the Deep Water Bay Golf Course. Very few people were present but one of them told a Daily Press representative the following rather amusing golf story:—It seems as though the hardy golfers had fairly good luck until they came to the third hole. One of the players claims that the rain had made the club grips wet, but still he teed off. A hard hit lifted the ball high in the air but the wind carried it off to the right over the wood and into the stream. At the same time the club flew out of his hands in the opposite direction and buried itself in the bush to the left about 50 yards from the fourth hole. The club was found after much searching but the ball was not seen again. This seems another case where the golfer had another hard one to explain.

Dear Clara.

Mr. P. B. Schulberg of the Paramount Company wrote as follows to Miss Clara Bow, releasing her from her contract with his company: "Dear Clara, this is a long and successful motion picture affiliation—one of the longest of the industry. It had its worries and anxieties for you and ourselves, of course, from time to time, but through it all it has never been my good fortune to have any one as sweet, as loyal, as conscientious and as courageous to work for or with as yourself. Needless to tell you that we are all anxious to see you emerge as the greatest and most popular actress in the world, and that we will do everything in our power to aid you in every direction toward that end whenever it is given us the opportunity to do so. If ever we wished anyone good fortune, we wish you the best there is in the world and blessed with good health and happiness."

Dimming Headlights.

In a County Court action at Croydon arising out of a collision between two cars the defence was that there was contributory negligence through the plaintiff failing to dim his headlights. The plaintiff was Ernest Wilcock, accountant, of Epson, who sued Ernest O. Walton, of Norbury, for £10-17s. 4d. Judge Hartington said there was no obligation to dim headlights, but the courteous driver usually did so. Judgment was given for Mr. Wilcock.

The Screen Kiss.

A kiss is said to be the hardest thing to photograph; when two people in earnest the faces are pressed too closely together and therefore appear squashed in the print. When they kiss lightly the kiss appears posed and false. From one angle one of the two actors' faces is hidden from sight. From another both are only partly visible. And there is no happy medium. One expert photographer argues that the best way to describe a kiss is in print rather than by camera. But he goes on taking Maurice Chevalier, Greta Garbo, Jeanette MacDonald and all the rest of them—and the world at large notices nothing very deficient about the final close-ups.

Women Police Criticised.

Criticism of the system of women police is contained in "C.I.D.: Behind the Scenes at Scotland Yard" by Harrogate's Lee Adam. Of women police the author has nothing good to say, maintaining that they became part of the force only through the pressure brought to bear upon successive Home Secretaries by women's organisations, "whose mission, appears to be to thrust women in wherever they can, whether they are suitable or not." "I am quite sure that they are not welcome to the male members of the service," he adds. "One of the heads of the service said to me recently: 'We do not want them. They are no good.'"

"Bells of Bow" Appeal.

Another appeal is being made, on behalf of the Rector and churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Bow, Chancery Lane, to save that famous church from imminent collapse, and the even more famous "Bells of Bow" from silence. The church has been in a bad state of repair for many years. Five years ago an appeal fund was opened for £15,000. To this less than £2,000 was contributed. The present appeal, which opened recently, takes the form of a special local "drive" to obtain £1,000 towards the amount required. Leaflets are to be distributed among "all who carry on business in Chancery Lane and Poultry"—the district in which St. Mary-le-Bow is the parish church—calling attention to its plight, and pointing out that it must, in any case, be closed for repairs. The Lord Mayor is President of the Fund.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

There was no business of public interest at the Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday, which dealt with routine matters.

A report has been made to the police by Captain Rowlette, living at the Peak Hotel, of the theft of a spare wheel and tyre from his car during Monday night.

The body of a woman was picked up in the Harbour at Kennedy Town on Monday and has been identified as that of a woman who had been reported missing from 13, Tai Pak Terrace.

Mr. W. J. Cox, of Reuters, Ltd., Shanghai, who has been a holiday tour of the Far East, during which he visited Japan and Korea, returned to Shanghai last Thursday by the Dairen Maru from Dairen.

For stealing a water-pipe, valued at \$25 from the Government Store Yard at the junction of Waterloo Road and Shanghai Street, a Chinese who was convicted by Mr. Fraser at Kowloon Magistracy was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

One case of typhoid fever and one case of puerperal fever were reported on Monday. During last week there were three cases (one death) of enteric fever, one fatal case of diphtheria and 44 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

According to the Shanghai Chinese Press, Mme. Chang Hsueh Liang is coming south to attend the funeral of Mrs. K. T. Soong. She was to have left Peiping last Thursday night, accompanied by her daughter and a strong bodyguard.

According to the Sincanpo, officers of the Greater Shanghai Bureau of Public Safety Passport Office refused to permit passengers of one of the Dollar Co.'s steamers to land or embark until the master hoisted the Chinese flag. Their demand is said to have been acceded to after which the officers commenced to examine the passports.

The China Times says that the funeral of the late General Tan Yen Kai, former President of the Administrative Yuan, will take place with national honours on September 4. The Government has set aside \$50,000 as funeral expenses.

She was only a passenger coming out of the Tung On Wharf, but her actions aroused the suspicions of revenue officers who accosted her and had her searched. Tied round her legs were 25 tins of raw opium and the woman was accordingly brought with unlawful possession. Brought before the Magistrate yesterday, she was fined \$700 or four months' imprisonment.

Tsang Ho Yin, a salesman employed by the Hong Kong Motor Accessory Co., faced two charges of embezzlement at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. After Mr. T. L. Knight, proprietor of the company, had given evidence, the case was adjourned till August 25. It was stated that the defendant was alleged to have embezzled \$27.60 on May 9, and \$10.92 on August 16.

The famous Kang Yu Wei library in Tsingtau is reported to have been purchased by the Shantung authorities for \$60,000. The late Mr. Kang Yu Wei was one of China's most distinguished scholars and an ardent monarchist. He was responsible for a reform movement 30 years ago which resulted in his exile. His library is said to have been one of the most valuable private libraries in China.

Prosecuting in a case in which a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of 25 tins of prepared opium, Revenue Officer Ward told Mr. Schofield yesterday that the contraband was found inside a balloon which was deflated. The balloon was tucked away in the man's girdle and had to be inflated before the opium could be poured out. He was fined \$200 or eight weeks' hard labour.

When charged before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday with being found in a house in Johnson Road in possession of a screw-driver, a Siamese frankly admitted that he was there with the intention of stealing some clothing. Inspector McLellan told the Court that the defendant was found in a cubicle by the mistress of the house. There was nothing known against the man locally, though the defendant himself admitted that he had been banished from Siam. To prove this he showed certain tattoo marks on the back of his right hand, stating that that was his name written in the Siamese language.

From the Files.

Looking Back 25 Years.
Licenses have been granted Sir Paul Chater to prospect for metals and minerals other than gold, silver and precious stones, in the districts of Lantau Island, Tsuen Wan and Shatin. Ten cents royalty is to be paid on every ton of iron ore when ready for exportation, or for smelting or reducing during the current year.—Hong Kong Daily Press, August 20, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.
A rather awkward and decidedly stupid joke has been played upon a well-known resident of this Colony. We refer to the announcement in several of the principal London papers of the marriage in Hong Kong of Mr. William Wotton, solicitor. We are authorized to emphatically contradict this announcement, which, though, of course, known to be a hoax in the Colony, will naturally be accepted as genuine elsewhere. This joke has been carried rather too far, and it is only poor consolation to the victim to reflect that it was pretty well paid for by the industrious advertiser.—Hong Kong Daily Press, August 19, 1881.

ARREST OF COMMUNIST CHIEF AT SHANGHAI

AMAZING EXTENT OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN FAR EAST.

FURTHER ARRESTS EXPECTED IN JAPAN, MALAYA AND HONG KONG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, August 19. Unquestionably second only in importance to the Soviet raid in London, 1926, is the discovery in Shanghai of the centre of the Far Eastern Communist Organisation, as a direct consequence of the arrest at Singapore on June 17, of the Communist Le Franc.

The Authorities of the International Settlement have arrested and handed over to the Chinese Government with his wife (it is alleged that his wife is working with him) the eminent Communist member of the executive of the Third Internationale known as Moullens with seven aliases, five local addresses, eight Post Office boxes and four telegraphic addresses; first posing as a Belgian, then as a Swiss; possessing among several passports a British passport in the name Donat Boulanger, who is identified as a member of the Canadian Communist Party. His real nationality is authoritatively believed to be a Polish Jew posing as a teacher of languages with an office and archives in Nanking Road.

There are incredible revelations in the seized archives which prove the amazing extent of Soviet activity in the Far East; of the Shanghai office being in direct touch with subversive organisations in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Formosa, Indo-China, Malaya, Dutch East Indies and Burma, also with attempting to establish direct contact with the Indian Trades Union movement.

SEMI-COLOSSAL EXPENDITURE.

The captured accounts show expenditure on a semi-colossal scale; £80,000 being distributed in the past few months.

Resulting from the Shanghai arrest there is expected to follow, to-day, many arrests in Japan, Hong Kong and Malaya. The effect of the capture of the archives is undoubtedly a severe check to Communist Far East activity.

It is clear the organisation would soon have produced serious results in Pacific colonial possessions of Foreign Powers as well as increased the difficulties of the Chinese Government.

Moullens and the woman are now awaiting their fate at the hands of the Chinese Government.

TENG YEN TA AMONGST THE NUMBER ARRESTED.

The Shanghai Municipal Police yesterday afternoon arrested twelve alleged Communists including Teng Yen Ta, who was a prominent member of the Wuhan Communist Government in 1927 under Borodin.

HUNDRED AND EIGHTY CHINESE DEPORTED.

DUTCH EAST INDIES POLICE
BUSY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, Aug. 17. Over a hundred and eighty Chinese are being deported from the Dutch East Indies following police investigations into Communist propaganda in the Riau Archipelago.

NEW LINER FOR CHINA TRADE.

P. & O. CARTHAGE
LAUNCHED YESTERDAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 18. Intended for service to China and the Far East the P. & O. liner Carthage was launched to-day.

Her tonnage is 14,000 tons; speed 10½ knots; she will carry a crew of 300, and have accommodation for 180 first class and 200 second class passengers.

JAVA SUGAR SALES.

1,204,000 TONS STILL
TO BE SOLD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, Aug. 18. The United Java Sugar Producers have sold to exporters 255,000 tons of superior sugar, being the balance of the 1930 crop, the price is not yet known. It is also reported that 150,000 tons of brown sugar of the 1931 crop has also been sold. 1,204,000 tons are still available for export.

OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COL. SHERWOOD
KELLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 18. The death occurred to-day of Lieut.-Col. Sherwood Kelly from malaria which he contracted during service in the Far East.

Lieut.-Col. Sherwood was promoted on the field during the Boer War for bravery and won the Victoria Cross during the Great War.

GERMAN AIRMEN IMPRISONED.

REGARDED AS BREACH OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Aug. 18. The German pilots, Ratje and Koelber, who were shot down by a Mongolian tribe on July 2, while flying from Shanghai to Manchuria, have been sentenced to five years' imprisonment by the Mongolian Court for espionage, according to a report received by the German Foreign Office.

The Court's action is regarded as a breach of international law and the airmen's detention illegal.

The German Foreign Office has urged the Government at Urga for a pardon. The Soviet Consul is said to be interfering for Koelber, who is at present in hospital.

RETURN FLIGHT PLANNED.

AMY LEAVING TOKYO ON
AUGUST 24.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Aug. 18. Amy Johnson is planning to start her return flight to England on August 24, after joining in the welcome of the Lindberghs.

GERMAN WOMAN ON SOLO FLIGHT.

TAKES OFF FOR TOKYO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Aug. 18. The airwoman Frauella Marga von Emdorf hopped off from Tempelhof Aerodrome at 4.30 a.m. for Moscow on a solo flight to Tokyo.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.45 p.m., stated:—

The northern typhoon appears to be less than 300 miles E.N.E. of Shanghai, moving N.N.W. A depression still covers S.W. China.

Local Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy; occasional rain.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following typhoon warning has been received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory: Manila, August 18, 3.30 p.m. Typhoon in about 140deg. Long. E. and 14deg. Lat. N., direction unknown.

TEA GROWING IN PERSIA.

ITALIAN EXPERTS TO BE
ENGAGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TEHRAN, Aug. 18. The Ministry of Agriculture is submitting a Bill to Parliament for the engagement of several tea-growing experts. It is expected that Italians will be engaged.

OFFICIAL LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS.

TEST FLIGHT STARTING
ON SEPT. 24.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Aug. 18. The first of the long-distance flights planned by the Air Ministry for the Autumn will probably start from Cranwell, Lincolnshire, on September 24, when an attempt will be made to reach Khartoum non-stop, with the object of testing the new Fairey monoplane and its Napier-Lion engine in African temperatures and atmospheric conditions.

It is hoped after the flight into the Sudan to undertake a non-stop journey to the Cape which would incidentally restore to Great Britain the distance record recently taken from France by the American airmen, who flew five thousand miles from New York to Constantinople. From Cranwell to Capetown is a distance of 5,900 miles.

WILL MR. NORMAN VISIT AMERICA?

RUMOUR OF CONFERENCE
WITH U.S.A. BANKERS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. Wall Street is agog over the voyage of Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to Canada.

There is no doubt in financial circles that he will find time to confer with officials of the Federal Reserve Bank, some even predict a conference which may signalise a change in the strategy of the Central Banks.

It is also rumoured that the Federal Reserve Bank contemplates a ruling to prevent the creation of bills whose underlying commercial security is deemed inadequate.

MORE AMERICAN BANKS CLOSE.

BIG DECLINE IN U.S.A.
TRADE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. Following the announcement that four banks in Toledo, Ohio, and eleven savings associations had suspended payment, further reports of banking closures are reported.

Six small banks, with total deposits of approximately \$81,180,000 have closed their doors at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Howell Bank and Trust Company, of Richmond, Virginia, with a capital of \$250,000, has also put up its shutters.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. The value and the volume of the foreign trade of the United States in the second quarter of 1931, April to June, was the lowest for many years.

The exports totalled \$121,000,000, representing a decline of 35.9 per cent. in value, and over 20 per cent. in volume as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1930.

The imports totalled \$102,000,000, being a decline of 38 per cent. in value and 16 per cent. in volume. The imports of gold during the period exceeded the exports by \$22,000,000.

ZEPPELIN EN ROUTE TO LONDON.

CARRYING TWENTY-TWO
PASSENGERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Aug. 18. The Graf Zeppelin left for London at 7.05 a.m. with 22 passengers.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY CONTEST.

SEARCHLIGHTS TO GUIDE
PILOTS?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUGBY, Aug. 18. Pylons marking the three angles of the Schneider Trophy contest course are to be placed in position on Thursday. Instead of the black and white chessboard pattern adopted for the last contest the pylons will be of plain orange, which will render them more easily seen.

In order to enable pilots travelling at a tremendous speed around the course to pick up the pylons quickly in the crowd of shipping it may be possible, if tests now being made are successful, to employ searchlight beams which will be cast on the water from each pylon in the direction from which the machines are coming. The beams should be visible for a distance of six miles.

TEXTILE SHARES RELAPSE.

J. P. COATES REDUCE
DIVIDEND BY 50 PER CENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 18. Owing to the fall in cotton values J. P. Coates & Co., Ltd., have reduced their quarterly dividend from nine pence to 4½d., while the Bradford Dyeing & Finishing Co., Ltd., has reduced its dividend from 10 pence to 5 pence. This has caused a sharp relapse in textile shares on the Stock Exchange, the former have fallen six shillings and the latter over one shilling.

GERMANY'S SHORT- TERM CREDITS.

COMMITTEE OF BANKERS'
RECOMMENDATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BALE, Aug. 18. The International Bankers have finished their work with the adoption of Sir Walter Layton's report recommending for prolongation for six months the short-term credit of approximately five milliard marks to Germany on condition that the Central Banks, Britain, the United States as well as the Bank of International Settlements, which has already granted a \$100,000,000 credit to Germany, are prepared to renew this for six months from August 18.

The report also favours the opening of fresh credits for Germany subject to certain conditions. The International Consortium arrived at an agreement in regard to preventing the further flight of capital from Germany but the question for the prolongation of credits in marks to Germany was left open.

Although the majority of the members of the consortium have left Bale two German delegates remained in order to telephone to Berlin this morning hoping that an eleventh hour understanding in regard to the marks credit may be reached.

The resolution will be signed to-day. Bankers Fail to Agree on Scheme.

BASLE, Aug. 17. After discussions extending over three days, the committee of international bankers engaged on an examination of Germany's financial position have been unable to reach an agreement on the necessary measures for improvement.

The chief obstacle now is to make liquid the foreign credits at present in Germany without affecting German currency.

BERLIN BOURSE STILL CLOSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Aug. 17. A conference between the Prussian Ministry of Commerce and the Bourse Committee to-day decided that it is out of the question to re-open the Stock Exchanges during August.

The date of re-opening will be discussed at a later conference.

HUNGARIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS OVER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUDAPEST, Aug. 17. The banks were permitted to resume normal business to-day, after severe restrictions had been imposed upon them, and it was found that depositors were not in the slightest degree anxious to withdraw their money.

There were, in fact, considerably more payments-in than withdrawals.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, August 17.

Paris	123.04½
New York	4.85½
Brussels	34.80
Geneva	24.92
Amsterdam	12.04½
Milan	92.84
Berlin	20.53½
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.17
Oslo	24.55
Vienna	164
Prague	193½
Helsinki	50.4
Madrid	110½
Lisbon	37½
Athens	317
Bucharest	35½/32
Rio	24
Buenos Aires	1/5½
Montevideo	1/2½
Bombay	27-25/32
Shanghai	11½
Hong Kong	11½
Yokohama	27-25/32
Silver, spot & forward	12½

HUGE INDUSTRIAL PLAN FOR CHINA.

DEVELOPMENT OF LAND
AND MERCANTILE MARINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Aug. 17. A telegram from the International Labour Office has been received containing information from the Chinese International Department concerning a big industrial development scheme, which is to be submitted to the Chinese Government shortly providing for the development of 120,000,000 hectares of land at present lying unused, and the construction of a mercantile marine of at least 8,000,000 tons.

Other components of this scheme are extension of communications and means of transport, and the building of new factories all over China. It is estimated that the carrying out of this scheme will require 500,000,000 tons of coal, and 12,000,000 tons of steel. It is expected that the execution of the scheme will occupy a decade.

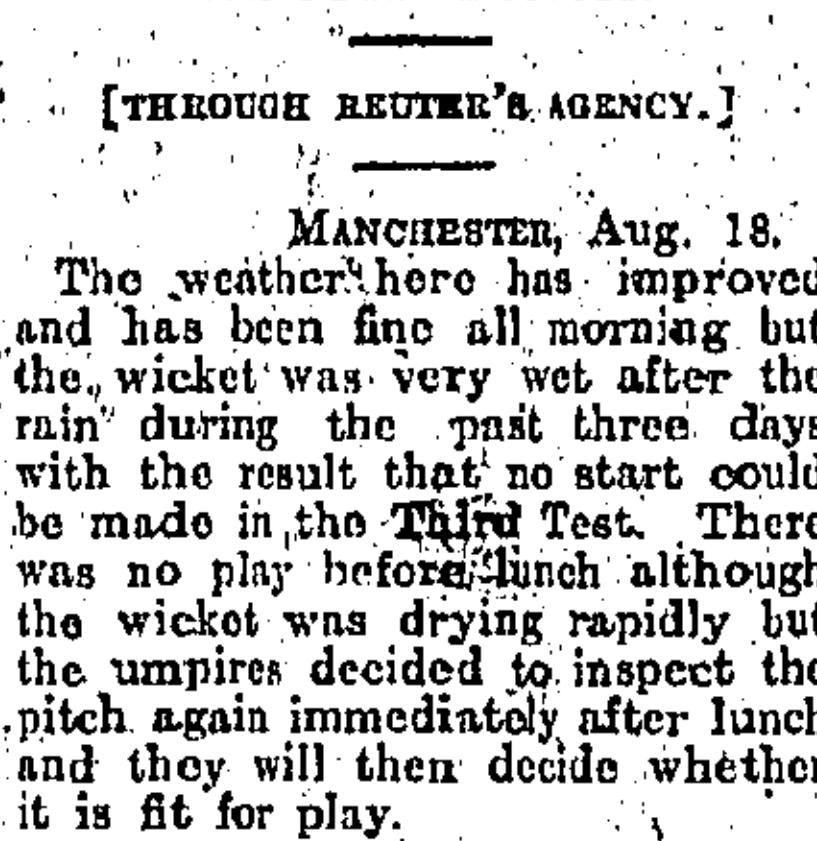
THIRD TEST "A WASH OUT."

NO PLAY YESTERDAY
BEFORE LUNCH.

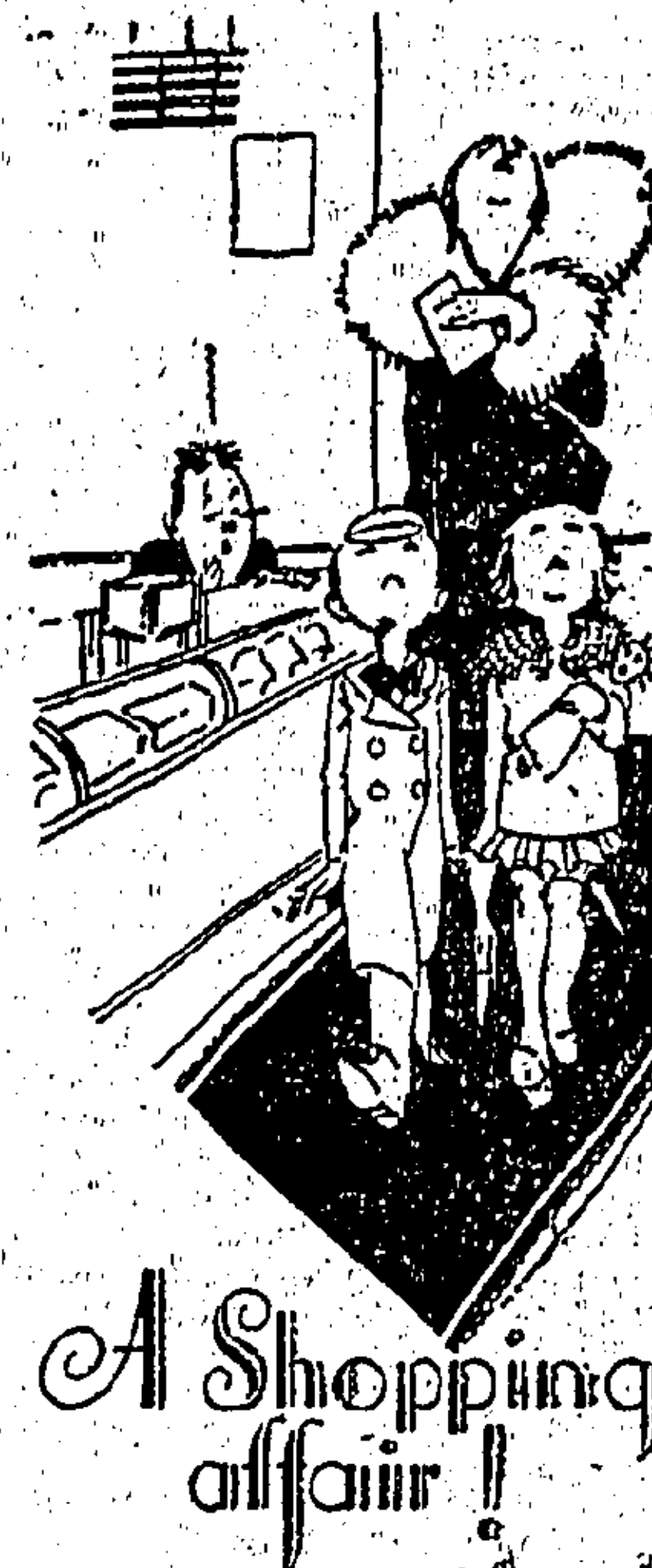
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANCHESTER, Aug. 18. The weather here has improved and has been fine all morning but the wicket was very wet after the rain during the past three days with the result that no start could be made in the Third Test. There was no play before lunch although the wicket was drying rapidly but the umpires decided to inspect the pitch again immediately after lunch and they will then decide whether it is fit for play.

MADDENING MOMENTS



A Shopping affair!



The idea. The very idea. That anyone could suggest for a single moment that any other kind of risk was just as good as "Ovaltine" Rusks.

They'd never heard such impudence. "Was there ever any other risk with that subtle scrunchiness, that piquant flavour, that general melting deliciousness? What would their mid-morning hot drink be without "Ovaltine" Rusks? How could they possibly eat ordinary rusks with any self-respecting cheese?"

The whole thing was unthinkable. Good heavens, why didn't the man offer them a nice bag of peanuts and have done with it? No wonder they walked out of the shop. Nothing but "Ovaltine" Rusks for people of discernment.

OVALTINE
RUSKS

[A.P. 12]

PIRACY TRIAL.

SECOND ARREST AFTER FOUR YEARS.

ACCUSED FOUND GUILTY BY THE JURY.

A piracy which occurred on a fishing boat in 1927, in connection with which a man was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the following year, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, when another man, Chan Sam, stood his trial for the same offence.

The charge against the accused was that, with others unknown, he pirated a fishing boat, off Lan Tau Island, on January 20, 1927, and stole the boat, tackle, and property of the occupants. The complainants in the case were a man and woman living at Cheung Chau, who were two of the victims.

After a jury had been empanelled, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, in outlining the Crown case, recalled the conviction of a man in 1929 in connection with the same piracy. His Lordship held that the present accused was likely to be the same person. The jury which had been sworn in was discharged and a new jury was appointed.

Details of the Outrage.

In outlining his case, Mr. Fitzroy explained that Ng Lai, his wife, Sun Tai, a small girl and another man left Macao at about four o'clock on the morning of January 20, 1927, in a small fishing boat, and when off Lantau Island, just outside the waters of the Colony, they were attacked by six or seven people in another boat. One man was seriously injured and eventually died, but his death was no concern of the present case except as to evidence of what took place.

However, three pirates boarded the fishing boat, and it was alleged that prisoner was one of them. They tied the master and his wife to the mast and sailed the boat into Chinese territory, where the victims were taken ashore and detained. The woman was eventually released and went away to obtain money for ransom, but the girl disappeared entirely. Ng Lai and his wife were both released later and were put on board a regular passenger junk which took them to Macao. The fishing boat was not seen again.

Woman As Accuser.

The complainants, Ng Lai and his wife, were among the witnesses called by the Crown. It was established that the accused was seen at Cheung Chau in June this year by Ng Lai, who had him arrested. Subsequently, the accused was brought to Hong Kong and he was picked out by the woman witness at an identification parade.

In giving her evidence the woman stated that the accused also travelled on the same boat to Macao, but that she lost sight of him at the landing place.

Answering a question put by the accused as to why witness did not report to the police at Macao and have him arrested, witness said that there were no police when they landed from the boat, and she also agreed that under such circumstances it would be easy for passengers to smuggle firearms or land kidnapped persons.

Accused's Statement.

Accused made a statement from the dock to the effect that he was falsely accused by the witnesses of being a pirate. He stated that he was also a victim of the pirates and was forced to carry out their orders to assist them in removing the loot. He was threatened with death if he disobeyed their orders. It was not true that he carried any firearms.

Continuing his statement, accused said that he was released at the same time as the complainants and went to Macao with them. If he had taken part in the piracy the complainants had the opportunity to report to the police in Macao and have him detained at the time.

In summing up the evidence to the jury, his Lordship said that the onus was on the Crown to prove beyond reasonable doubt that accused was guilty. The evidence of Ng Tai and his wife appeared to be contradictory on some points, but the incident had occurred four years before and it was not likely that they could remember all that took place. The accused also had the onus, in a lesser degree, of proving his innocence. The story he had given of having been forced by the pirates to assist them might be true, but he had not stated specifically how compulsion was used.

Verdict of Guilty.

After retiring for less than five minutes, the jury were unanimous in a verdict of guilty against the prisoner.

In addressing the prisoner, his Lordship said that he should consider himself fortunate that he was not indicted on a capital charge. The man referred to by accused, who was convicted in 1929, had also put forward the same defence at his trial, namely, that he was compelled by the pirates to assist them. The sentence in the present case would be the same as in the previous case, three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail notices, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.

5 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
6 to 6.30 p.m.—Chinese children's programme.

7 to 10.30 p.m.—A selection of records kindly lent by a broadcast enthusiast.
7 p.m.—Mail notices, etc.
7.00 to 7.30 p.m.—

Musical Comedy.

"The Desert Song"—Debroy Somers Band (Col. 9200).
"Princess Charming"—Palace Theatre Orchestra (Col. 9167).

"Lady Luck"—London Theatre Orchestra (Col. 9214).
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

7.30 to 9.30 p.m.—
Variety.

Song—"Virginia—There's a Blue Ridge in My Heart" (Col. 4049).
Song—"He's Tall, Dark and Handsome"—Sophie Tucker (Comedienne).

Humorous Monologue—"Perlmutter as an M.P."—Nicholas Adams (Col. 9145).
Saxophone Solo—"Sax-o-phun."

Saxophone Solo—"La Cinqtaine"—Rudy Weidert (Col. 14037).
Monologue—"Our Child,"

Charles Mack (of Moran and Mack—"The Two Black Crows").

Dialogue—"A Sermon on Throwing Stones"—"The Two Black Crows" (Col. 3001-02).
Song—"Baby Face."

Song—"I'm on My Way Home," Jack Smith (Whispering Brittone) (H.M.V. B2353).
Descriptive Sketch—"A Day's Broadcasting"—Clapham and Dwyer (Col. 4745).

8.30 to 9.30 p.m.—The entire musical numbers of the opera Pagliacci (Leonavallo) sung in English by the principals and chorus of the British National Opera Company.—4347/4358.

9.35 to 10.05 p.m.—
Talkie Tunes.

Song—"March of the Grenadiers from 'The Love Parade'." The Song—"Dream Lover" from "The Love Parade"—Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) (Vic. 22347).
Song—"The Riding Song of the Riffs from 'The Desert Song'."

Song—"One Alone from 'The Desert Song'."—Harry Welchman and Male Chorus (Col. 4367).
Orchestral—"Am I Blue?" from "On With the Show"—Jack Hylton and his Orch. (H.M.V. B3674).

Song—"Rio Rita from 'Rio Rita'."—Richard Crooks (Tenor) (Vic. 1448).
Vocal Duet—"O'Ye Love Me" from "Sunny."

Vocal Duet—"Two Little Bluebirds from 'Sunny'."—Gladys Rice and Franklyn Bair (H.M.V. B2360).
10.05 to 10.20 p.m.—

Guitar Solo—"Tremolo Study" (Tarrega).
Guitar Solo—"Fandanguillo" (Turina)—Andres Segovia (Vic. 6767).
Chorus—"Camp-Fire Sing Song" (arr. Vernon Lee)—Vernon Lee and Caterham School Scouts (Col. 9235).

Orchestral—"Kamennoi Ostrov" (Rubinstein).
Orchestral—"Liebestraume" (Liszt)—New Light Symphony Orch. (H.M.V. C1352).
10.20 p.m.—Rugby mid-dry Press news.

10.30 p.m. (approx.)—Close down.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL NOTES.

St. John's Cathedral has been enriched, and its beauty enhanced, by the installing of new Communion rails, the gift of Mr. W. L. Patten. The rails were dedicated on Trinity Sunday, and in appearance are of very dignified workmanship. The design of the rails was the work of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, R.A., Architect of the Liverpool Cathedral, and were contracted for by the Hong Kong Furniture Company, whilst the carving from the design was carried out by Mr. Chan Pook.

A few vacancies remain open in the choir for boy trebles. Apart from the fact that parents, in encouraging their boys to join the cathedral choir, are benefiting the church, and doing an extremely necessary work, they are also helping the boys, as the choir master gives them an extremely good training in singing. All expenses are paid by the Cathedral, and a small remuneration given to boys.

BOOKS and READERS
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A BATCH OF "HORROR" VOLUMES.

[By NORMAN R. COLLINS.]

"GREAT SHORT STORIES OF DETECTION, MYSTERY AND HORROR." Second Series. Edited by Dorothy L. Sayers. Collanz. 8s. 6d.

"THEY WALK AGAIN." Chest Stories Chosen by Colin de la Mare. With an introduction by Walter de la Mare. Faber and Faber. 7s. 6d.

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"GRACE LATOUCHE AND THE WARRINGTONS." By Marjorie Bowen. Selwyn and Blount. 7s. 6d.

A Ghost story, like a conjuring trick, can enjoy no half measure of success. Either the thing comes off, or it doesn't. Either it frightens, or it fails.

writes Norman R. Collins in the *News Chronicle*.

It can frighten with a sheer senseless horror, that is akin to disgust, as in "The Voice in the Night" (in Mr. Colin de la Mare's selection), in which a leprosy creature, with "a great, grey nodding sponge" for a head, hails a boat out of the darkness. Or it can add art to horror, as in Mr. E. F. Benson's "The Room in the Tower" (in Miss Sayers's book), in which a framed portrait on the wall is found to be startlingly lifelike, and unnaturally heavy, and covers the hands of those who move it with a smear of blood.

Again, it can lure the reader on to the wrong side of the road, as in Mrs. Wharton's story, "Afterward" (another in Mr. de la Mare's net), without letting him know until he has come back, that it was the Styx, and not the road, that he had crossed. Or it can frighten him—and this is a favourite type of story—by rounding off a tale of inexplicable mystery with a plausible scientific explanation, that firmly and for ever establishes the supernatural in this world, as in Miss Sayers's reprinted masterpiece of Ambrose Bierce, "The Damned Thing."

Why Ghosts Walk.

And it can fail in ten thousand different ways. It can strike too deep and resonant a note of horror, as in Mr. E. F. Benson's "Caterpillar," a nauseating, fantasy founded on cancer, to be found in "They Walk Again." Or it can fail—and these stories are too numerous to mention—because the authors have not even begun to understand the terrible forces that are assumed to drag the dead out of their graves and drive them back into their homes. And so we get those aimless, ghostly tales that shatter the reader's time all to no purpose.

Boo to a Ghost.

Mr. H. G. Wells, in "The Inexplicable Ghost," in the Sayers Collection, has written an admirable parody of this kind of tale. The story told in the first person and describes how an unimaginative and well-dined member of a country club meets a mysterious figure on the stairs, who, turned round, drew himself up, projected his face, raised his arms, spread his hands in approved ghost fashion—came towards me. As he did so, his little jaw dropped, and he emitted a faint drawn-out "Boo."

"Boo—be hanged," I said. "Are you a member?"

In the matter of conversation, ghosts are notoriously backward. Usually they say nothing at all. When they do open their lips it is merely to produce a howl that is ordinary, earthly, toment might make. The real trouble, of course, is that it is impossible to put the profounder emotions into words. And a ghost is always assumed to be a veritable sink of profound emotions. Shakespeare avoided the difficulty very neatly by making his "spectral dead" in "Hamlet" simply "squawk and gibber"—leaving the rest to the imagination; which is the proper place for the profound.

Connoisseur of Qualms.

Both these collections, "They Walk Again" and "Tales of Mystery, Horror and Detection," are for the connoisseur of qualms. The first is an epicure's selection of 10 stories, and is introduced by Mr. Walter de la Mare, who can spread an atmosphere of mental unequity across his own stories that clings like a sea-mist. Miss Sayers' volume is a great block of a book containing 67 tales. Its editor really does know what she is about. So does the publisher: half the legions of hell for 8s. 6d.!

Mr. Morley Roberts in "The Scent of Death" puts the ready-made, microscope-and-timetable, type of detective-story, writer to shame. Death has become so common in fiction lately, that writers have tended to forget that it is the climax of the last chapter of life, and have come to regard it merely as the climax of the first chapter of a "thriller." Mr. Roberts rediscovers all the primitive terror.

His tale may not be so intricately ingenious as some. But the remorselessly revenging hound that loopes, half in shadow, through its pages, is a hound that runs at the heels of the nightmare. All the fascination of alarm is here.

"Pagan" is a deceit; almost a confidence trick. It opens in the manner of a true tale of mystery—two travellers arriving under the cover of darkness at a lonely mountain inn; a squinting, suspicious reception; locked doors, and so forth—and then becomes an ordinary "thriller" with a character who talks like a gramophone with the needle permanently jammed in the groove of Bettie Wootter.

Bright enough, no doubt, but disappointing from Mr. Morris. Miss Marjorie Bowen produces a greater volume of uniformly good writing than any other writer living. If she did not produce so much, she might, perhaps, produce something that was really excellent.

Her new collection of period pieces, mostly of the supernatural, contains an expert ghost-story of a cynical author who wants to write about ghosts, and nearly loses his balance while reading up his subject. And there is not one story here that fails in its intention.

But the history of fiction is full of authors who produced not too slovenly work, but merely too much. And I wish that Miss Bowen would follow Mr. Hoover and call a holiday.

HUNGARIAN WAR-PICTURES.

Two Prisoners. By Lajos Zilahy. (Translated by Joseph Collins and Ida Zeitlin. London: William Heinemann, Pp. 504, 8s. 6d. net.)

Seldom is a book so difficult to write about as this. The more that is written on the war the deeper becomes the agony of those who have passed through the war years and have survived to read it. "Two Prisoners" gives an appalling glimpse into just a few more of those broken hearts; such a glimpse makes the reader exclaim, Can it be that while we were commiserating with ourselves on the petty discomforts of the peace (that seemed so unbearable) others were enduring all this! Can it be that years after the re-establishment of comparative sanity, when we thought that our financial strait was the only hardship left to us, away in Central Europe the pain and death, the tyrannies and horrors of body and spirit were still rife?—that such overwhelming scenes continued to happen as that which is described in this well-translated novel by a Hungarian of the return of the prisoners of war from Russia? Yes, in the very summer of 1921, when we English were becoming as a nation the blow dealt at our cricket by the Australian cricketers! "Two Prisoners" may seem incredible, but it must be read if only for our self-castigation. It may be read for more than that, though. The drama is superb, and the two prisoners, a soldier and his wife, separated by the war, are tortured with the desire of the flesh and mind—prisoners of desire—until each is impelled to burst the fetters of honour and loyalty as the only alternative to insanity. Their poignant situation is heightened by their mutual love before they were parted—lyric love, depicted in frank, honest chapters that alone would make the novel memorable.

BIG GAME HUNTING IN INDIA.

Shikar Notes for Novices. Pioneer Press, Allahabad, India.

By The Hon. James W. Best, O.B.E. Late India Forest Service.

Possessors of this book leaves no doubt whatever in the mind of the reader that the author is a master of his subject, and that the publishers' statement that the book is full of jungle lore and of hints to the would-be hunter is well founded. The personal experiences of the author make extremely good reading, the chapter dealing with tiger hunts being particularly interesting.

Every phase of big game hunting in India is dealt with, and the writer's advice to the prospective tiger-hunter is well thought out, though one is inclined to wonder if the naïveté with which he suggests that the hunter who is setting out to watch over a kill to await the return of a tiger should take a book with him to while away the time is altogether unconscious.

The book is written in the forceful, convincing style, that the man of action often commands and will appeal to lovers of the gun and the chase—men who will not be over-critical of the technique of the work of a fellow sportsman.

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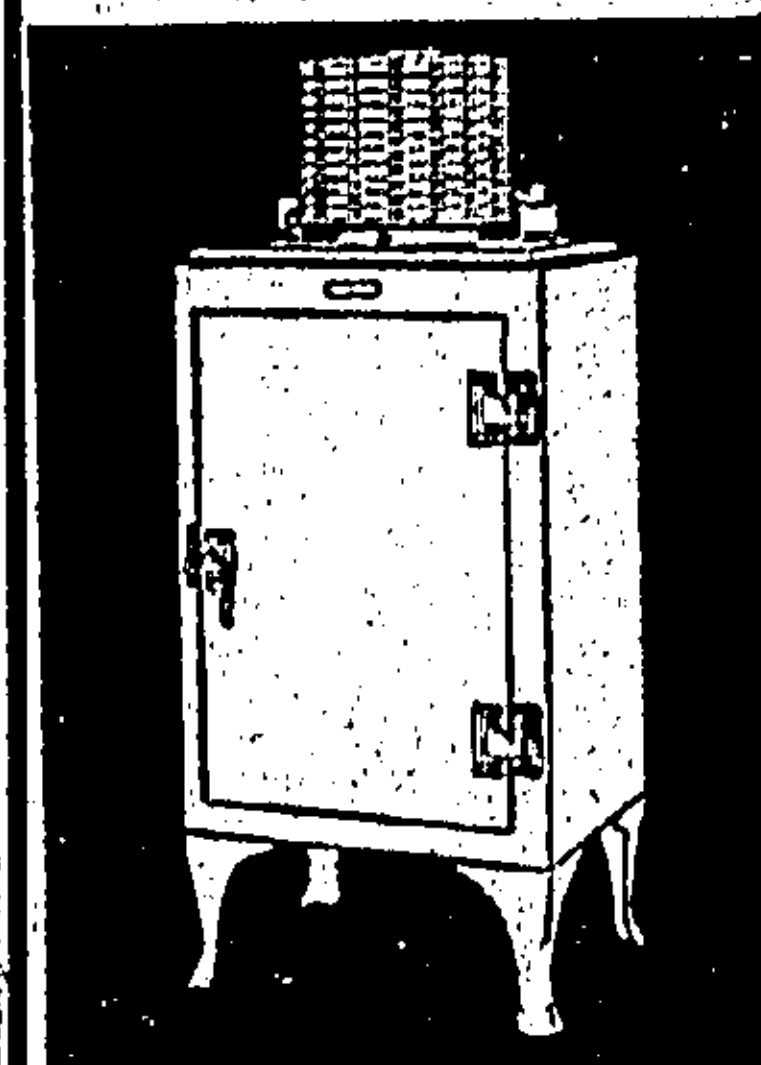
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		Barometer at Sea Level	Barometer at Station	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Barometer at Sea Level	Barometer at Station	Temperature	Humidity	Wind
Wladivostok	12	29.88	759.0	77	...	SE 4	29.84	758.0	75	...	SE 2
Nemuro	11	29.85	758.5	...	...	SE 1	29.84	758.0	...	...	WSW 1
Hakodate	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	SSW 1	29.96	761.0	...	...	WSW 1
Tokio	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	S 2	29.96	761.0	...	...	...
Kochi	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	ESE 1	29.90	759.5	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.69	754.0	...	...	E 1	29.68	753.5	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.65	753.0	...	...	ESE 2	29.65	753.0	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.37	746.0	...	...	NNE 3	29.57	751.0	...	...	...
Naha	...	29.45	748.0	...	...	W 2	29.55	750.5	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.55	750.5	...	...	ESE 1	29.49	749.0	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	E 1	29.82	757.5	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	29.70	754.4	80	...	E 1	29.57	751.7	78	...	...
Shanghai	14	29.61	752.2	94	8	E 2	29.59	751.6	78	...	...
Gutzlaff	...	29.66	753.3	84	...	ENE 2	29.58	751.2	78	...	...
Wenchow	...	29.51	746.5	80	6	NE 4	29.54	750.8	80	6	...
Foochow	...	29.38	746.3	80	4	E 4	29.39	746.5	80	4	...
Amoy	...	29.48	748.9	85	...	E 2	29.50	749.3	79	...	...
Swatow	...	29.50	749.2	88	...	...	29.50	749.3	79	...	...
Taihekou	...	29.46	748.2	81	...	SE 4	29.47	748.6	77	...	...
Taihu	...	29.47	748.4	83	...	...	29.48	748.7	79	...	...
Tainan	...	29.44	747.7	81	...	ESE 4	29.44	747.7	79	...	...
Koshun	...	29.22	742.2	80	6	W 8	29.32	744.7	78	...	...
Pescadore	...	29.27	743.4	81	7	W 5	29.33	745.0	81	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.24	742.7	83	4	NW 4	29.31	744.4	77	4	...
Gap Rock	...	29.38	745.4	86	6	SW 6	29.41	747.0	81	6	...
Macao	...	29.37	746.0	94	8	NW 4	29.40	746.8	83	8	...
Hoihow	...	29.42	747.3	91	8	NNE 2	29.45	748.1	85	8	...
Pratas Island	...	29.65	758.0	81	6	SW 6	29.69	754.1	77	6	...
Phulioa	...	29.46	758.2	86	6	ESE 4	29.52	749.8	79	4	...
Tourane	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rasou	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.58	751.4	83	6	SW 4	29.62	752.2	83	6	...
Legaspi	...	29.56	751.5	91	8	SW 4	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacolban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hilo	...	29.63	752.5	86	8	SW 4	29.67	753.7	79	8	...
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.64	752.9	91	8	W 4	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.28	29.69	754.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.71	754.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.94	760.4	86	6	S 8	29.89	759.3	79	1	...

August 17d. 12h. 00m.—Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 30 miles of Lat. 23° N. Long. 115° E., moving N.

August 17d. 17h. 08m.—Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 30 miles of Lat. 24° N. Long. 115° E., moving N.

August 18d. 10h. 39m.—Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 29° N. Long. 126° E., moving W.N.W.

August 17d. 19h. 00m.—Local signal No. 5 lowered.

August 18d. 10h. 37m.—The southern typhoon is shown as a depression over S. China. The northern typhoon is less than 300 miles E.S.E. of Shanghai, moving W.N.W.

Manila warning, 17d. 15h. 00m.—Typhoon in Lat. 23° N. Long. 115° E., inclining northward. Recd. 17d. 15h. 29m.

Shanghai warning, 18d. 8h. 37m.—A severe typhoon within 30 miles of Lat. 30° N. Long. 126° E., moving N.W. Recd. 18d. 8h. 43m.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.17 inch. Total since January 1, 58.58 inches, against an average of 60.65 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON AUGUST 19.

District.	Forecast.
1.—Shanghai to Turnabout	None.
2.—Turnabout to Hong Kong	Southerly winds, moderate; generally cloudy, occasional rain.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, occasional rain.
4.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits	W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, occasional rain.
5.—North China Sea	S.W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

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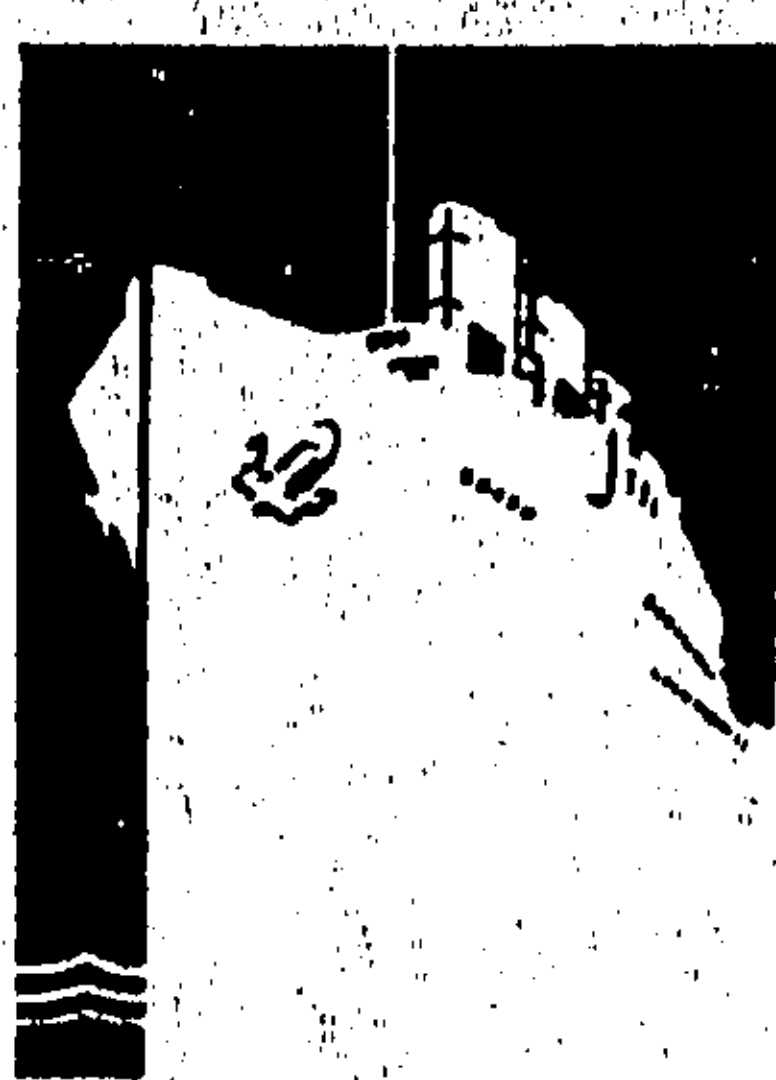
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 22,170 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
22,128 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Har-
bour Office, of vessels carrying
cargo to the Colony during the 24
hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday
were:—

British	Cargo for Through	H.K.	Ports.
Proteus, Shanghai	4,540	—	—
Sinkiang, Canton	—	270	—
Sunning, Canton	—	540	—
Vinemar, Cardiff, Aden	2,500	4,250	—
Kumang, Calcutta, Singapore	1,100	3,164	—
Lycemmon, Singapore	300	—	—
Wing Lee, Fort Bayard	400	—	—
Hydrangea, Swatow	113	—	—
American, Pres. Lincoln, Manila	113	2,360	—
California, Portland, Kobe	2,013	2,935	—
Norwegian, Suiyang, Manila	—	1,705	—
Hallor, Bangkok	2,000	—	—
Hiram, Swatow	1,850	—	—
German, Burgenland, Hamburg, Manila	2,014	3,000	—
Japanese, Taiyo Maru, Manila	1	23	—
Kojun Maru, Newchwang	1,940	1,200	—
Menado Maru, Haiphong	616	—	—
Indus Maru, Yokohama	381	2,682	—
Total	22,170	22,128	—

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures dur-
ing the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.
yesterday were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	6
American	2	0
German	1	0
Norwegian	3	0
Japanese	4	3
Chinese	0	1
Total	18	10

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS

The following vessels brought
Asiatic deck passengers to the
Colony during the 24 hours ended
at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Sunning (Br.) Canton	70
Kumang (Br.) Calcutta	866
Lycemmon (Br.) Singapore	651
Wing Lee (Br.) Fort Bayard	85
Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow	170
Pres. Lincoln (Am.) Manila	284
Hillier (Norw.) Bangkok	12
Hiram (Norw.) Bangkok	9
Menado Maru (Jap.) Hai- phong	142
Total	2,199

ARRIVALS.

August 17.
Burgenland, German str., 4,321
tons, Capt. C. Dehnicke, from
Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Jeb-
sen & Co.
Indus Maru, Japanese str., 2,695
tons, Capt. J. Asaw, from
Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—
O.S.K.
Kumang, British str., 3,341 tons,
Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from
Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—
M & Co.
Persens, British str., 6,335 tons,
Capt. D. Mansfield, from Sin-
gapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Pres. Lincoln, American str., 5,359
tons, Capt. John Griffith, from
Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—
Dollar S.S. Line.

August 18.
Angers, French str., 5,368 tons,
Capt. Angelvin, from Shang-
hai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M.
Garbeta, British str., 3,204 tons,
Capt. Torsen, from Singapore,
buoy No. A16.—M. M. & Co.
Granville, Norwegian str., 3,507
tons, Capt. Kaldager, from
Shanghai, Texaco's Wharf.—
Thoresen & Co.
Hiram, Norwegian str., 1,108 tons,
Capt. E. R. Hannevig, from
Swatow, buoy No. C2.—Thore-
sen & Co.
Haiyang, British str., 1,363 tons,
Capt. Erwin, from Swatow,
Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S.
Co.

Hongkong, British str., 3,975 tons,
Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singa-
pore, buoy No. A16.—Ho Theng
S.S. Co.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons,
Capt. P. W. Grierson, from
Swatow, Chiu Wharf.—Chiu
On S.S. Co.
Kaying, British str., 1,752 tons,
Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Swa-
tow, buoy No. B16.—B. & S.
Kulmerland, German str., 4,367
tons, Capt. Kutter, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A19.—Jeb-
sen & Co.

Lycemmon, British str., 1,734 tons,
Capt. E. Holmes, from Singa-
pore, buoy No. B2.—Kwong
Nam & Co.
Philippines, British str., 7,177 tons,
Capt. J. Ramsay, from Shang-
hai, buoy No. A2.—B. & S.
Shunko Maru, Japanese str., 5,627
tons, Captain H. Egusa, from
Manila, buoy No. A6.—O.S.K.
Sphinx, French str., 6,724 tons,
Capt. Sacone, from Saigon,
buoy No. A8.—M. M. & Co.
Tai Yang, Norwegian str., 3,303
tons, Capt. E. Kroff, from
Manila, buoy No. A13.—Dod-
well & Co.
Tjibadak, Dutch str., 4,601 tons,
Capt. Duit, from Muntok, buoy
No. A5.—J.C.J.L.
Tjinegara, Dutch str., 5,783 tons,
Capt. Weide, from Amoy, buoy
No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

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modation is provided for 185 first
class, 133 second class and 630
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10,200 tons of cargo will be carried.
The "Aramis" is 564 ft. long with a
beam of 28 ft., the depth to 'C'
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chinery consists of two ten-cylinder
Sulzer units developing a total of
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Lloyd's Register returns of ship-
building for the quarter ending June
30 show the present position of the
industry to be the worst for nearly
fifty years. Since March 31 ship-
yard work has decreased by 138,211
tons, and the tonnage in hand
(555,603) is 938,460 less than a year
ago.

Never since 1887 have the returns
fallen to such a low ebb. Although
foreign shipbuilding has also suffer-
ed, the total work in hand (1,270,384
tons) is only 39,000 tons less than
at the end of March. Of the
world's new construction, Great
Britain's share at the moment is
only 30.4 per cent., as against an
average British percentage of 57.2
before the war.

As regards new work in British
yards, only 23,359 tons were com-
menced in the last quarter. This
is probably the lowest figure ever
recorded, and its significance is em-
phasised by the fact that during
the six months ended March, 1930,
the monthly average of tonnage
laid down was over 154,000. In
contrast to this phenomenal de-
cline the foreign returns show a
slight increase. The United States
is now building 301,499 tons—a big
increase on the previous quarter.
France is second with 211,940 tons,
and Italy third with 170,688 tons.
New German tonnage, on the other
hand, has shrunk to 130,651.
Unfortunately, the volume of new
work booked by British yards in
recent months is so low that the
returns for the September quarter
promise to make even more depress-
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"KARMALA"	9,000	29th Aug.	Man. L'don, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"CATHAY"	10,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	8,500	18th Sept.	Man. Havre, L'don, H'g, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"KALYAN"	9,000	28th Sept.	Man. L'don, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"MANTUA"	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,000	24th Oct.	Man. L'don, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"BURDWAN"	6,500	31st Oct.	Man. Havre, L'don, H'g, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"NALDERA"	16,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHEGAR"	9,000	21st Nov.	Man. L'don, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"RAJPUTANA"	12,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"CORFU"	10,000	19th Dec.	do.
"SOMALI"	8,500	26th Dec.	Man. Havre, L'don, H'g, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	2nd Jan. 1932	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KARMALA"	9,000	16th Jan.	Man. L'don, B'm, A'warp, & Hall
"CHITRAL"	10,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London

* Cargo only. † Calls Cebu, Manila. ‡ Calls Djibouti.
Frequent connections from Port Said for passengers and cargo to Con-
stantinople, Piræus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of
the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SANTHA"	8,000	24th Aug. 2.30 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	8th Sept.	do.
"KAKADA"	7,000	21st Sept.	do.
"SIRDHANA"	8,000	4th Oct.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th Oct.	do.

* Calls Port Swettenham.

B.L.-Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd
class passengers.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	7,000	2nd Sept.	Manila, Batavia, Brisbane byday and Melbourne.
"NANKIN"	7,000	2nd Oct.	do.
"NELLURE"	7,000	31st Oct.	do.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan and Hong
Kong to Australia.

Hong Kong to Sydney—19 days.
Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand
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The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London and
The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via Suez.
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via
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"NANKIN"	7,000	27th Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKAURA"	7,000	27th Aug.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Y'ham. & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,000.	28th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
"MANTUA"	11,000	11th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SIRDHANA"	8,000	11th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"BURDWAN"	6,500	12th Sept.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"NELLURE"	7,000	5th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
"SANTHA"	8,000	9th Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"NALDERA"	16,000	10th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHEGAR"	9,000	17th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MACDONALD"	11,000	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'ham.
"TANDA"	7,000	6th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
"RAJPUTANA"	12,000	17th Nov.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"COBURN"	15,000	21st Nov.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	12,000	5th Dec.	do.
"NANKIN"	7,000	17th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
"KANATA"	9,000	19th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'ham.

